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We do not care, say Palestinians

Pakistan sentences 5 hijackers to death

RAWALPINDI, July 6. (Reuter) A Palestinian sentenced to death today for hijacking a US airliner vowed he would do it again if he had the chance.

A Pakistani court sentenced Salman Ali Al Turki and four other Palestinians to hang for the 1986 hijacking of a Pan Am jumbo jet at Karachi airport in which 21 people were killed.

An unrepentant Turki, said to have masterminded the hijacking, told reporters later: "If we go out we will hijack another American plane. We will hijack again and again until our country (Palestine) is free."

The five Palestinians never

Rejected

Judge Mohammad Zafar Babar rejected their argument, saying the commandos were nowhere near the plane when the passengers, mostly Indians, were killed.

The five were brought shackled and handcuffed to the makeshift court in Rawalpindi Central Jail where they have been on trial since August last year.

They smiled and chatted

Denied

denied seizing the airliner on Sept 5, 1986, but said the 21 people were killed in a hail of gunfire when Pakistani commandos stormed the plane 16 hours after the hijack began.

among themselves as Badar read out parts of the 147-page verdict.

"We do not care about this judgement," Turki told reporters. "We care about 100 million Pakistani people and millions of Arabs and Islam."

The court had been told the Pan Am jet with 400 people aboard was seized by four men wearing Pakistan security uniforms and armed with machine-guns and grenades.

They killed one passenger, and wounded another and three baggage handlers in a burst of gunfire.

The three-man flight crew escaped from the cockpit by sliding down a rope ladder when they heard the shots.

The gunmen sent a deadline for the crew to return but the commandos stormed the jet before it expired.

Witnesses said when the gunmen realised what was happening they turned their guns on the passengers, injuring 100, and tossed grenades which failed to explode.

Escape

Some terrified passengers managed to escape down emergency chutes.

The four gunmen — Mansoor Al Rashid, 19, Mustafa Bomer, 24, Fahd Al Al Jaseem, 18, and Khalil Autwan, 19 — were each sentenced to death for multiple

murder and to 257 years jail with hard labour.

Turki, who was arrested after the hijacking, was sentenced to death for conspiracy and fined Rs 50,000 rupees (\$2,778).

"Anyway we accept everything," said Turki, the only one of the five to speak. His only request was that the foot irons that had been snapped on two years ago when they were arrested be removed. The ankles of all five were wrapped in bandages.

The hijackers, who said they had wanted to free Arabs jailed in Cyprus, have 30 days in which to appeal.

Babar rejected defence attempts to justify the hijack as a blow for the cause of Islam.

Iran won't retaliate against airlines

By Atiqus Samad

IRAN does not want to retaliate against any airline anywhere in the world, an official in the charge d'affaires office at the Iranian embassy in Kuwait said yesterday.

The statement made by the official, who did not divulge his name during a telephonic interview, contradicts reported threats of revenge made by Iranian leaders, including Ayatollah Khomeini, after the downing of a civilian jet in the Gulf.

All 290 passengers aboard that Iran Air plane died when at least one missile, fired by the US cruiser Vincennes, hit the plane minutes after it took off from the port of Bandar Abbas for Dubai.

Revenge

Khomeini vowed revenge after the Airbus was shot down saying the "attack was a warning to all travellers."

Khomeini also made a call for a "full-fledged" war against America. Reports from Tehran, and statements made by leaders, indicate a split among Iran's leaders over the retaliation strategy. Ayatollah Hossain Ali Montazari, Khomeini's designated successor, has said that the time is ripe for retaliation. Iran's parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, without discounting the idea of revenge, said "the timing is up to us."

Threats

The US has taken the retaliatory threats seriously and imposed a full alert at its embassies around the world.

On Tuesday Iran protested to the United Nations over the incident and called for an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council to condemn the US.

The Iranian official in Kuwait could not say whether Tehran would seek compensation from the US.

The official said two Kuwaitis died in the incident. He added they were children aged four and six, but he could not give further information or identify with whom they were travelling. The two Kuwaiti children were among 40 foreign passengers aboard the plane.

• Kuwait News Agency adds: HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has decided to send a private airplane to bring the bodies of Kuwaiti victims.

Airbus wreckage recovered

NICOSIA, July 6. (Reuter)

Iran has recovered wreckage from the seabed in the Strait of Hormuz but many bodies from the plane shot down by a US warship will never be found, a top Iranian official said today.

The governor-general of Hormuzgan province, in southern Iran, said in all likelihood "many bodies were pulverized or completely burnt in the air," the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

Quoting the governor in Bandar Abbas, starting point of the ill-fated flight, IRNA said the plane disintegrated in the air. It was reported flying at 7,500 feet.

Fuselage

The agency said "... several pieces of the fuselage of an Iran Air Airbus A-300 have been recovered from the bottom of the sea at the Hormuz Strait ... the pieces showed ruptures of the kind of the impact of a hitting missile and its shrapnel."

About 200 bodies have been pulled from the sea. Iran has said 290 people, including 66 children, were on the plane but IRNA reported the governor as saying 291 were aboard.

The governor asked close relatives of all passengers to come to Bandar Abbas port to help officials identify the bodies.

Iran plans a funeral procession in the capital tomorrow. But apart from black drapes on some official buildings, at the airport and at Iran Air offices, hot and dusty Tehran bore little visible evidence of the tragedy.

AIRPORT SECURITY STEPPED UP IN US

Tehran seeks contact with US

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska, July 6. (Reuter) Iran in recent months has made overtures through third parties apparently seeking direct contact with the United States, Secretary of State George Shultz disclosed yesterday.

US officials are unsure how to interpret these so-called "probes" but have sent back word to Tehran that they are willing to talk to authoritative Iranian representatives, but so far nothing has come of it, Shultz said.

US officials repeatedly have denied recent European news (Continued on Page 2)



A worker sifts through the wreckage of a Pakistan Air Force Mirage fighter that crashed in an industrial area in Karachi. (Reuters photo)

Pakistani Mirage crashes killing 14

Another witness, Amin Khan, was working in the electrical substation of the Lever Bros. warehouse.

"I heard a roaring noise and seconds later the roof of the substation collapsed, burying several people," said Khan, an electrician, who saw seven people injured.

The PAF Mirage was on a morning training flight and was approaching the Masroor Air Base near Karachi when it plunged into a factory of the National Motors Co. in the southern port city and exploded, the military sources said.

Witnesses said several Mercedes trucks being assembled in the building caught fire. They said the plane had first jettisoned its fuel tank, which landed in a warehouse of the Lever Bros. food processing factory next door.

CORDONED Military personnel cordoned off the area. Rescue and recovery operations ceased a few hours after the incident and no further casualties were expected.

The military sources did not say what caused the crash, although some technical fault aboard the plane was suspected.

"It is a machine and a machine can develop faults," one Air Force officer said.

Last year, a PAF military aircraft on a training flight crashed into a factory of the Philips Electrical Company in the same area, killing the two crew members and two people on the ground.

Critical

Hospital sources said the pilot and co-pilot and nine people on the ground were killed instantly and 43 were injured, three of whom later died. Ten of the injured were reported in critical condition, the sources said. They said most of the injuries were burns.

"I saw the aircraft tumbling down and it hit the two-storey building of the factory," said Mohammad Ahsan, a street merchant.

US ATTORNEY-GENERAL MEESI QUITS

SACRAMENTO, California, July 6. (AP) Attorney-General Edwin Meese III announced his resignation following an investigation into his conduct in office, saying the probe vindicated him and allowed him to depart without feeling forced out.

"This decision is something I made totally on my own and I was not pressured by anybody," Meese told reporters yesterday in announcing his decision to resign as the nation's top law enforcement official.

Meese, entangled in controversy for months, said he submitted his resignation to President Reagan by telephone.

INVESTIGATION

Meese said he expected to leave office at the end of this month or early in August and that no successor had been designated.

One of Reagan's closest confidants for several years, Meese has had a stormy tenure at the Justice Department since arriving in March 1985.

Meese announced his resignation after independent counsel James McKay filed a report on his nearly 14-month investigation into Meese's conduct in

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THE number of flights between Kuwait and Syria need to be increased urgently.

Who is responsible for the inadequate number of flights — the Kuwait Airways Corporation or the Syrian Airlines?

Whichever the case, passengers should not be forced to queue for reservations in this hot weather.

Frankly speaking, if Syrian Airlines cannot increase flights, let them permit the KAC to do so.

Zahed Matar

Tehran thanks Kuwait

IRAN yesterday thanked Kuwait for its condolences over the deaths of 290 people on an Iran Air passenger jet shot down by US forces over the Gulf on Sunday.

A message from Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati to Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed also offered sympathy for the deaths of Kuwaiti residents who were on the plane, the Kuwaiti News Agency (KUNA) reported.

The dead included 49 residents of Kuwait, two of whom had Kuwaiti citizenship.

In a reply, Sheikh Sabah thanked Iran for its co-operation and said such incidents should be fully investigated to avoid their repetition.

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Reagan terms message of regret an apology

WASHINGTON, July 6. (UPI): President Reagan terms his expression of deep regret to Iran an apology for the US downing of a commercial Iranian jetliner, and he and members of Congress are weighing the merits of compensation for deaths.

With debate heating up on the proper response to the incident, the President was pressed by reporters yesterday to define the diplomatic note he sent to Iran in the wake of the weekend tragedy.

"Yes," he replied when asked if the message constituted an apology. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater subsequently told reporters Reagan was saying his public as well as his private statements could be interpreted that way.

Compensation Fitzwater said the question of compensation to families of the victims had not been considered fully and would not be until after a Pentagon inquiry is completed.

State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley echoed Fitzwater in saying the question of compensation "is premature and will have to await the results of an investigation into the incident."

WEATHER

HOT summer weather with light variable to moderate northwesterly wind. State of sea: slight. High water: 5.50 am, 6.00 pm. Low water: 11.00 am, 12.30 pm. Sunrise: 6.51 am. Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 47°C/117°F. Ahmad: 44°C/111°F. Fallaka: 43°C/109°F. Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 25°C/77°F. Ahmad: 20°C/68°F. Fallaka: 19°C/66°F. Maximum temperature expected: Kuwait: 47°C/117°F. Ahmad: 43°C/109°F. Fallaka: 43°C/109°F. Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 14 percent. Ahmad: 50 percent. Fallaka: 63 percent. Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 39 percent. Ahmad: 59 percent. Fallaka: 65 percent.

An Iraqi military communiqué said the jets attacked the Imam Hassan oil pumping station and pounded stations at the Gorreh oilfield, 70 km (45 miles) northeast of Iran's main oil terminal of Kharg island.

The Imam Hassan oilfield has been attacked several times dur-

ing the last three years as part of continuing Iraqi efforts to deny Iran oil revenues which help to pay for the war now in its eighth year. The last attack was on May 26.

The military communiqué said the raids were intended to "prevent the Iranian regime from utilising its oil revenues for aggressive purposes against our country and against the Arab nation."

On June 24, Iraqi jets attacked 10 oilfields and six days later blasted an Iranian natural gas

refinery under construction in the Kangan area of coastal Bushehr province, killing 13 South Korean workers and injuring 37 others.

Iraq also denied Iranian claims of downing two Iraqi helicopter gunships and that Iraq used chemical weapons.

He described Iranian claims that Iraq had used chemical weapons as "ridiculous" and added that Tehran reiterates such claims each time it suffers a defeat.

INA, quoting military com-

municues, said Iraqi forces seized two strategic peaks in Kurdistan yesterday. They earlier claimed to have recaptured dozen other heights in heavy fighting.

The shipping sources in Dubai said the fishing boat Sea Cat broadcast a Mayday call late yesterday and in a brief message to Muscat Radio said it had been attacked by the Iranians.

There were no immediate reports of casualties and no further details were available.

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Iraqi jets raid oil installations

BAGHDAD, July 6. (Reuter): Iraqi warplanes attacked two Iranian oil installations today and set them on fire, while Iranian gunboats attacked an Australian fishing vessel in the Gulf, sources said.

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Banks stop work in protest

KARACHI, July 6. (Reuter) Staff at some 250 branches of Pakistan's Habib Bank stopped work in Karachi today in protest against bank robberies.

"We are protesting at rising incidents of dacoits (robberies) and killing of the bank's staff by bandits," said Habibuddin Jundi, head of the All Pakistan Bank Employees Federation.

More than 5,000 clerical staff took action following the death of a security guard yesterday in one of three raids in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city.

Bankers said since the beginning of June five people had died in 12 raids which netted robbers more than five million rupees (\$280,000).

Habib is a leading state-owned bank.

Security Council will discuss ...

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see the airplane clearly without technical aids if you just look up into the sky," he said.

Mahdaviani, who had Rezaian as a co-pilot in the 1970s, said the flight had been well inside the 10-mile wide air corridor on the 123-mile, 20-minute flight.

"At the time he was hit, he would still have been climbing," Mahdaviani said.

The pilot, Captain Mohsen Rezaian, may have missed warning signals from the American cruiser Vincennes - but he had definitely not been off course or descending towards the warship when his airliner was hit by at least one missile.

"I think the decision to shoot down the airplane was taken in very nervous conditions," Mahdaviani told reporters flying to Tehran from Frankfurt on one of the first airline flights to arrive in Iran since Sunday's attack.

Mahdaviani said Rezaian could have missed the Vincennes' warnings on the international emergency frequency since the plane's two radios are busy communicating with four control towers after take-off - Bandar Abbas, Tehran, Kish island in the Gulf and Dubai.

But he ruled out suggestions that the Airbus could have been mistaken for fighter jet.

Another, Iran Air pilot denied yesterday American claims that the Iran Air flight 655 was transmitting on two transponders, including a frequency that had been used previously for military information.

Monitor

Capt. Massoud Razavi, who regularly flies Airbus A-300 aircraft on the same route over the Gulf as the downed Iran Air Airbus, also said pilots regularly monitor an incoming emergency radio frequency.

He said he had been challenged by the US Navy on recent flights and had responded.

Iraqi jets raid oil ...

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LONDON, July 6. (AP) Britain and Iran have completed a deal to exchange compensation for damage inflicted on each other's embassies in violent incidents some eight years ago, the Foreign Office announced today.

It insisted the agreement did not mean Britain was paying "a price for better relations."

The deal, which will net Iran just over £1 million (nearly \$2 million), was struck in three weeks of intermittent negotiations that ended yesterday at a meeting between Foreign Office officials and Mohammad Besti, the Iranian Charge D'Affaires in London, a Foreign Office spokesman said.

Last month, a "broad agreement" was announced, and the subsequent negotiations were believed to have dealt with technicalities.

Iran's willingness to negotiate, after more than a year of silence, prompted speculation that Tehran was signalling a desire to improve relations, which had been all but severed last year when a British diplomat was beaten up in Tehran and London withdrew its staff.

Criticised

The spokesman said Britain will pay Iran £2 million (\$3.4 million) in compensation for damage and subsequent upkeep of the Iranian embassy, which was gutted in 1980 when British commandos stormed it to free hostages held by opponents of the Iranian government.

Iran, he said, will pay Britain £980,000 (\$1.67 million) for damage caused by crowds to the British embassy and affiliated buildings in Tehran following the seizure of the American embassy and its staff in 1979.

The deal was announced only two days after Iran severely criticised Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's refusal to condemn the United States for downing an Iranian airliner over the Gulf.

UK strikes a deal with Iran on compensation

US Attorney-General quits

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office. The 830-page report, filed with a federal court, was not made public. The report concluded there was no basis for filing a criminal indictment.

Meese said he had remained in his post until now because he refused "to allow myself to be hounded out of office by false accusations."

More than 100 people who have served in Reagan's administration, including some of the President's closest advisers, have been investigated for wrongdoing.

Some of the investigations have resulted in convictions. Other aides have been cleared or acquitted after trial. In some cases the alleged offences occurred before or after the individual's government employment.

In Washington, Reagan defended his longtime California chum as "a darn good attorney-general" just minutes after Meese made public his decision to step down.

In a statement, Reagan said: "Ed Meese has served the American people loyally and well. He has led the Department of Justice with courage and vigour and his work on public policy has resulted in many outstanding accomplishments."

Tehran seeks contact with US

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establish a channel, a single authoritative channel" to the Iranian government but so far Tehran has not responded, he said.

"We are prepared to have a direct dialogue," he added.

Shultz was questioned by reporters aboard his plane as he began an 18-day trip to Asia.

He did not speculate on how the destruction of an Iranian airliner might affect those overtures.

But referring to apparent recent Iranian moves to improve relations with Britain, France and other Western countries, Shultz said: "If Iran has decided to try to normalize itself and its basic diplomatic stance, that's a positive thing. But we have to see that goes that."

On the probes from Iran to the United States, Shultz said: "They come to us in the context of international forums" but refused to be specific.

Some of the overtures came through other governments, and some through private individuals such as businessmen. US officials said.

A senior US official said the messages sent by Tehran were vague but at least some came from high levels in the Iranian government.

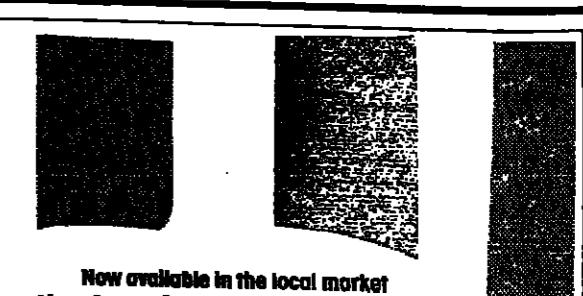
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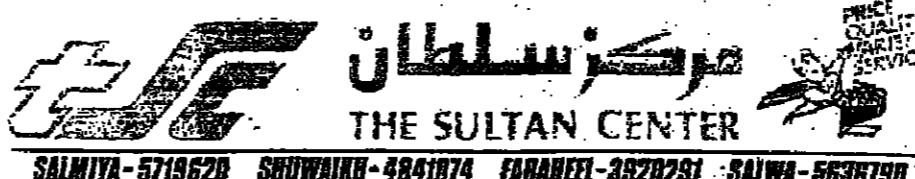
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INTERNATIONAL

Israel confusing Palestinians

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 6. (Reuter): Palestinians accused Israel's secret police today of distributing bogus leaflets in an attempt to sow confusion in the occupied West Bank where underground leaders of an Arab revolt have called a strike.

The 21 communiqué by the leadership of the uprising, issued on Tuesday in the West Bank and Amman, called for a two-day strike on Saturday and Sunday, and urged Palestinians to boycott Israeli products and services.

The bogus leaflet also purports to come from the "unified command" and widely distributed in Arab East Jerusalem and Ramallah, called for a seven-day strike next week - longer than any previous protest.

Distribution

Palestinians said they were sure it had been fabricated by Israel's Shin Bet secret service to create divisions among Palestinians who have generally adhered to leaflet calls for strikes and demonstrations.

"It seems it is the Shin Bet who have done this to confuse the population," said Daoud Kutub, a Palestinian journalist. "When they ask for a seven-day strike, people start losing confidence in the unified command."

"They have done it before, but

this time they have done it in a very sophisticated way. Initially it was quite well-distributed," Kutub said.

One Western news organisation had ever reported the bogus leaflet as genuine, he said.

The authentic leaflet called for violent protests against Israeli archaeological excavations near the Al Aqsa Mosque, one of Islam's holiest site, in the old city of Jerusalem.

It also urged Palestinians to cut ties with Israeli occupation authorities, from self-governing local committees and co-operate with Israeli leftists "who recognise Palestinian rights."

The false leaflet supported a call by senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official Bassam Abu Sharif for talks between Israel and the PLO in an international conference.

Many Palestinians said the contradiction between the radical demand for a seven-day strike and the endorsement of Abu Sharif's dovish stance proved the leaflet was a fake.

The real communiqué made no mention of Abu Sharif's name.

At least 10 separate incidents of stone-throwing involving Israeli cars were reported north of Jerusalem today, security sources said. Police stepped up security and were searching the area.

Soviets deny bombing Afghan town

MOSCOW, July 6. (Reuter): A Soviet spokesman denied today reports that Soviet and Afghan forces had bombed and shelled a town in Afghanistan after driving out guerrillas.

Soviet spokesman Vadim Perfil'yev said Afghan government troops had stopped rebels from taking over Maydan Shah, about 40 kilometres southwest of Kabul.

"The city is under government control and there is no destruction in Maydan Shah," Perfil'yev said, according to Tass news agency.

Pakistan-based diplomats said on Tuesday that Soviet and Afghan forces badly damaged the town after the guerrillas were driven out and interpreted this as a warning from Kabul of what would happen to any town that fell into rebel hands.

"What really happened was that armed opposition groups attempted to seize that city... but were foiled by the Afghan militia," Perfil'yev said.

Complaint

The Communist Party daily Pravda said on June 26 that Afghan rebels had seized Maydan Shah and held it for one day before government forces regained control.

The Soviet Union protested Tuesday to the United Nations that Pakistan is violating the UN-mediated Afghanistan's internal affairs.

accords by aiding and arming Afghan rebels and obstructing UN observers.

It was the second Soviet protest in three weeks.

"Despite (Pakistan's) assertions... armaments and armed opposition groups continue to move into Afghanistan from Pakistani territory," said the letter from Alexander Belonogov, the Soviet UN ambassador to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

In Geneva, meanwhile, Perez de Cuellar said Tuesday he had received "many complaints" and had sent undersecretary-general Diego Cordovez to Islamabad to investigate the matter.

The UN chief said a newspaper reference that Cordovez, who had negotiated the "Afghan agreements," was assured by President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and others that Pakistan will implement the agreements "scrupulously and fully."

The Soviet letter, distributed at the United Nations on Tuesday, said that Pakistan is violating the Afghanistan agreements, signed in Geneva in April, by interfering in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

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Owners sub-letting government houses

A LOCAL daily reported that owners of limited and middle-income government houses rent parts of their houses despite a law which explicitly bars such sub-letting.

In an interview conducted by a Kuwaiti daily, many house owners explained that they were in financial difficulties, many were retired employees and found it difficult to cope with the day to day demands. The houses being too spacious, they believed it was a good opportunity to sub-let a part of these houses to tenants. They commented that sub-letting to families was not considered to be a wrong action but, renting to singles posed a ques-

tion mark on the issue they added.

Hamad Fahad Al Essa is a resident and house owner at one of the model areas thought nothing wrong with renting annexes to tenants, especially, he said, for those owners who are retired or are in dire financial difficulties.

He however was against the idea of renting to singles because they caused problems he added.

Mubarak Al Majeri totally rejected the concept of renting to singles at family residential areas. He said that some owners rent their annexes to women tailor shops, or even maids offices. Some owners even brought maids and hired them as

women tailors, or employed them in beauty saloons in their family residential annexes. This phenomena is widely common in Sabah Al Salem area he added.

Abdul Aziz Mejbil said that rents at commercial residential complexes is expensive. An average rent for two bedrooms amounted to KD250 — too high for a normal individual's income. Therefore, it was financially practical for low income families to rent at model areas he added.

Mubarak Al Fahad said that government houses were built for Kuwaitis and not for expatriates. He backed up the Housing Ministry decision against renting to others.



The Minister (left) handing out a graduation certificate to one of the participants in the training course.

Kuwait's aid to Lebanon praised

LEBANESE acting Prime Minister Salim El Hoss has praised Kuwait for its aid to Lebanon in an interview published yesterday, adding that his country will not forget the help Kuwait provided.

Interviewed by Al Seyassah, El Hoss said that he anticipated some positive developments in the Lebanese arena in August whether in the economical or security fields.

The economic situation in Lebanon has improved in the last few months, the acting prime minister noted.

Contacts between both Lebanese and Syrian Presidents Amin Gemayel and Hafez Al Assad respectively, since the Algiers Arab Summit aim at guaranteeing a smooth presidential elections in Lebanon.

El Hoss denied, meanwhile, presence of efforts reportedly exerted to end his and Parliament Speaker Hussein Al Husseini's boycott of Gemayel.

The boycott followed Gemayel's refusal to endorse a Damascus sponsored tripartite agreement to end civil war in Lebanon.

173 dentistry units

SOURCES at the Ministry of Public Health said that the dentistry department comprised 173 units and employed 315 dentists in addition to 28 trainees.

Supportive staff comprised 297 nurses 21 X-ray technicians and 66 dentistry lab technicians.

Last year the number of patients visiting the departments amounted to 1,382,922 compared to 685,431 persons in 1979.

A survey to carry out a dental preventive programme for pupils of schools was carried out in co-operation with an American dentistry centre in Boston and covered 8,000 pupils, the source added.

Municipality supports training programmes

OFFICIALS at Kuwait Municipality have indicated their strong support for the training programmes in various technical fields.

In a speech marking the conclusion of the third phase of the technical training programme at Kuwait Municipality, the Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammad Sayeed Abdul Mohsen Al Rifai stressed the importance of preparing qualified citizens for actively participating and contributing to the national development.

He said that the Municipality paid great attention to the training programmes of its staff in various technical fields with a view to upgrading their performance and meeting the directions of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Study on smoke emission

THE environmental sciences division at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) undertook a study on smoke emission from exhausts of vehicles operating on diesel.

The study was a contractual agreement with the Environmental Protection Council in co-operation with the Ministry of Interior and the Kuwait Public Transportation Company.

The report indicated that smoke emitted by diesel vehicles is relatively higher than smoke emitted by gasoline operated vehicles.

Trained

The study aimed at explaining the operation of diesel operated engines and factors affecting the amount of smoke emitted. Gathered data are exhibited to trainees through lectures at the Ministry of Interior.

Technical employees will be trained on the application of modern technology devices such as "smoke metres" to measure smoke emission from buses and trucks in Kuwait.

The message was delivered by Spanish Ambassador Juan Jose Arpil during a meeting with director of the minister's office Abdalla Al Abdul Razzaq.

Ordonez is scheduled to visit Kuwait next October.

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Al Ghani Travel Agency recently signed an agreement with the German Medical Centre whereby Al Ghani will represent them in Kuwait. Meridian Hotel will market the package, supplied by the German Medical Centre, that includes all types of medical services for Kuwaitis and residents who seek medical treatment abroad.

Y. Al Ghani, Public Relations Manager of Meridian shaking hands with M. Najla (left), Manager of Al Ghani Travel Agency.



• HH the Amir yesterday received the credentials of the new ambassadors of Guinea (left) and Australia in a ceremony at the Self Palace. Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, the Amiri Diwan Undersecretary and the deputy commander of the Amiri Guards attended the ceremony.

Assad has promised to try to end camps war: Sabah

KUWAIT'S Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday said that Syrian President Hafez Al Assad "promised to exert efforts towards ending the battles in the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon."

In a statement to KUNA, Sheikh Sabah said HH the Amir's message to President Al Assad, which he delivered earlier in the week, dealt with the fighting in the Palestinian camps between rival Palestinian factions.

The Amir hoped that the Syrian President would interfere

to end the camps battles, as the latter has influence on the rival factions, he said.

He indicated that the camps' battles affect what the popular uprising has achieved in the occupied Arab territories.

Satisfaction

The Syrian President responded to the Amir's request and promised to make efforts towards ending the fighting between the Palestinian fighters, he added.

Sheikh Sabah expressed satisfaction on the outcome of his recent tour which included trips

to Iraq, Syria and Jordan.

He said he delivered messages to Iraqi and Syrian Presidents, Saddam Hussein and Hafez Al Assad respectively in addition to King Hussein of Jordan, from the Amir.

The Kuwaiti chief diplomat clarified that the Amir congratulated brothers in Iraq for the liberation of their territories from foreign occupation in his letter to President Saddam.

The message delivered to the Jordanian monarch tackled the Palestinian camps battles, Sheikh Sabah concluded.

Two new nursing schools planned

THE director of the School of Nursing, Sheikha Al Mazen, has said that the Public Health Ministry is planning to establish two new nursing schools, one for girls and the other for boys. She welcomed the proposal to annex the nursing school to the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, but added that this should be done at the proper time. She was critical of the attitude to nurses in Kuwait, who are often not accorded proper respect and expected to work as mere clerks in hospitals.

Family doctor

Al Mazen expressed the view that graduates of the nursing school should be allowed to go on to higher education and she stressed the importance of developing the education and work of nurses in Kuwait.

Meanwhile a senior official at the ministry said that the ministry is keen on providing all assistance towards developing the profession of the general family practitioner.

Twenty Kuwaiti artists

Speaking to a local newspaper, the official commented that the family practitioner plan was developed in the late seventies with the concept of providing medical attention to family members regardless of age or condition.

The official added that the ministry is constantly striving to upgrade the level of the general family practitioner and their services are meant to encompass homes, clinics, or even in hospitals if deemed necessary.

The sources added that the general family practice enabled early detection of disease and ensured essential preventive measures in keeping with psychological, social and environmental aspects of the patient.

The official disclosed that the ministry was paying particular attention to this field and had plans for imparting training to doctors in this line of medical skills as part of its efforts to enhance the general medical services in the country.

UK company tipped to win Saudi minehunter contract

LONDON, July 6. (KUNA): The British shipbuilding company Vosper Thorneycroft is expected to secure an order to supply minehunter vessels to Saudi Arabia within the next few weeks, according to several media reports here today.

The contract, for between six to eight mine sweepers, would be worth, £250 million to the firm, estimated reports, and could lead to further orders from other Gulf Co-operation Council states.

Vosper Thorneycroft, based in Southampton, southern England, this morning refused to confirm or deny the deal. A spokesman said: "Wheels are still turning, it is very delicate at the moment."

The company's Hunt Class mine sweepers have been deployed by the Royal Navy in the Gulf in recent months, and one is said to have been lent to the

Saudis for trials.

The authoritative London-based magazine Jane's defence weekly said Saudi Arabian interest was focused on Vosper's latest Sandown Class minehunter, due to service with the Royal Navy next year.

The contract is contested by a French-Dutch-Belgian consortium, and the Italian company Intermarine, added Jane's.

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Travellers facing delays at Kuwaiti border posts

AS many travellers prefer to travel overland in order to use their own vehicles whilst on vacation, but there are inevitable delays at border posts, despite the presence of additional personnel to cope with the rush.

A local newspaper visited the Salma border post and met with travellers and officials. As usual, travellers complained of hold-ups and called for more post officials and disciplinary action for those who help their friends first. They added that border posts lacked rest areas and cafeterias.

Salma is one of the main border posts in Kuwait as it leads to many countries and should therefore give a favourable first impression of the country.

Some of the travellers inter-

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir received yesterday the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed on the occasion of his return to the country.

Sheikh Sabah briefed the Amir on results of his tour of Iraq, Syria and Jordan.

Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a congratulatory cable to President of the Comoro Islands on the occasion of his country's National Day.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Need for peace

A KUWAITI newspaper said yesterday the American shooting down of an Iranian civilian plane over the Arabian Gulf on Sunday should be blamed on the real cause of the heightened regional tensions, the Iran-Iraq war.

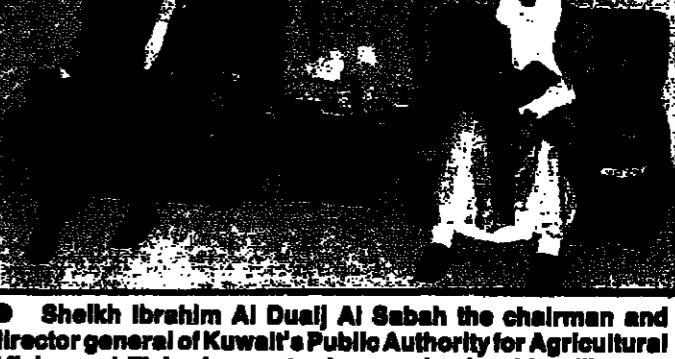
Al Rai Al Aam expressed hopes that Iran would find in the tragedy a strong justification for ending its recalcitrant prosecution of war against Iraq.

The paper said the disaster causes grief and sorrow and lends urgency to the need for peace in this region that has been born by eight years of hostilities between two neighbouring Muslim countries.

"We as Arab Gulf states are genuinely interested in peace and security and are duty-bound to press for an end to this predicament because the flying sparks of the conflict are clouding the skies over our region," the newspaper went on.

And the paper advised the Iranian leadership against vengeance against a major power like the US saying it would breed a spiral of reprisals that would claim more civilian lives.

Concluding, the paper expressed fear that the Gulf area would turn into an arena where hostile parties settle their scores.



Ministries upgrading services

AS proposed by Kuwaiti mukhtars, several ministries have undertaken a number of measures to upgrade services all over the country, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Al Rashed said on Wednesday.

In response to a KUNA question, the ministers said following a meeting with HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla and the mukhtars at Al Shab Palace last February, the ministries executed a number of steps toward this matter under guidance of Sheikh Saad.

He added that to ensure prompt action, specialised government teams were assigned to inform the government's institutions on implementing those suggestions.

Since then, the ministries have built a number of children and public gardens, paved a number of side walks as first stage, tightened security and added more police patrol cars, Al Rashed said.

EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

German Painting Exhibition

A 10-day exhibition of German paintings will be held at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel from July 10. More than 30 paintings, representing the work of a group of German artists known as The Blue Rider, will be shown in the Hilton's lobby. The show has been organised by the German embassy in Kuwait.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timetings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm. Sat thru Thurs On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. Some of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

CINEMA

British Council

The Elephant Man, a feature film, will be shown on July 9 and 10, 6.30 pm. Superbly photographed in black and white, it is an unforgettable amalgam of images in the style of 19th century pioneer photography which develops with the story of emotional intensity. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

SOCIAL

German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee morning will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Onam Festival
The Visvabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perempilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradyil — 2422973.

D'Assissi Association

The association will hold a social evening cum entertainment on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 am, 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754, after 6 pm.

Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn
Melon promotion featuring cool melon slices is being held at the hotel, until July 15. Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 pm; a la carte also offered.

At the Sheraton

Italian hospitality is provided in the Riccardo Restaurant. Dine in the restaurant with music by the Sienna Duo. The Riccardo is also open for lunch during the week.

AJ Hambra offers a sumptuous brunch buffet every Friday.

On Thursday Le Tarbouche features Arab World specialities for dinner in a typical Lebanese atmosphere. Live entertainment is provided by the solo-harpist, Harp Dreams.

At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm, for families. Also open for breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, featuring buffet or a la carte.

AJ Waha features melon promotion, offering watery, juicy and refreshing melon delights until July 15.

At the Maridien

La Palma has introduced a new 10-day lunch and dinner buffet cycle featuring a variety of Arabic and international dishes, soups, mezzehs, salads and desserts to suit all tastes. Open daily from 6.30 am to midnight.

Beat the summer heat at the La Patisserie, offering ice cream creations, fresh fruit juice and cocktail creations. Open daily from 10.30 am to 10.45 pm. In the evenings, listen to piano music played by the in-house pianist Richard.

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialities. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine.

The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

At the SAS

Al Bustan and the Lobby Bar are featuring strawberry creations, such as strawberry meringue, a meringue bowl filled with fresh strawberries, served plain, also featured. The promotion continues until July 14.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.25 Space Adventure: cartoons

10.15 Thamar Al Shok: daily serial, with Abdul Munim Madbouli, Rashwan Tawfiq, Fatima Tabae.

11.00 News Summary

11.15 Ablaheh Munira: local serial, starring Khalid Al Nafisi, Munira Jabar, Saad Ardash, Dawood Hussein, Mohammad Manea.

12.00 Good Morning/News

12.15 International Circus
1.00 Football: Brazil vs. Australia, live from Sydney for the Australia Bicentennial Celebrations.

3.05 Religious programme

3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial

4.00 News Summary

4.15 The Saint: featuring Roger Moore

5.00 Liqa Al Khamis: weekly local show

7.15 Wa Qalat Al Arab: daily serial

7.50 Al Farooysi: Wal Zaman: prepared and presented by Mohiuddin Qudoor.

8.30 With Islam: prepared and presented by Dr Khalid Al Madhkur.

9.00 News in Arabic

9.30 From People's Art: Songs and Music

10.30 Al Ashmawi: Arabic feature film, starring Farid Shawki, Hala Fuad, Dalal Abdulkaziz, Ibrahim Khan.

12.00 Late Night Variety Show presented by Amina Al Sharah.

1.00 News Summary/Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
9.30 Children's Magazine

10.15 Al Saif Al Malfoud: children's serial, featuring Abdul Aziz Haddad, Ahmad Al Hazim, Ali Al Muqeedi.

10.45 Prophet's Sayings: hadith, religious programme, presented by Dr Ahmad Abu Noor.

11.15 Friday Prayer from Grand Mosque

12.25 Ride Wal Noor: religious serial, prepared and presented by Kariman Hamza.

1.00 News Summary

1.05 World News via Satellite

1.35 Songs

2.00 Preview of Next Week on KTV

2.30 Hadith Deeni: religious talk

3.30 Al Damm Yahna: (B/W) Arabic film featuring Ismael Yaseen, Durriya Ahmed, Mimi Shukrabi, Hussein Riyad.

5.45 Cartoons

6.15 Songs

7.00 Kuwait in a Week

7.30 A Seminar on Islamic Philosophy: "The Rights of Man."

8.25 Kul Al Funoon: Focus on Art

9.00 News in Arabic

9.50 Wrestling

10.50 Naseeb: Kuwaiti play, featuring Abdullah Habib, Maryam Saleh, Mohammad Jaber, Khalil Ismail. Directed by Mohammad Abdul Salama.

11.45 News Summary

11.50 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown



I Married Dora, a comedy, features Daniel Hugh Kelly, Henry Jones, Juliette Lewis, Jason Horst and Elizabeth Pena, 9.30 pm, KTV 2 on Thursday.

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Bionic Six: cartoons

6.30 Sesame Street: an education series for young viewers

7.30 Full House: "Our Very First Show."

8.00 News in English

8.40 High Mountain Ranges: thriller about three men who escape from prison and their adventures.

9.30 I Married Dora: comedy about an American family and their maid, Dora Calderon. Dora had a real problem: she is an illegal alien and about to be deported, so Peter Farrell gallantly marries her. But is it a marriage of convenience or a real one?

Starring: Daniel Hugh Kelly, Henry Jones, Juliette Lewis, Jason Horst and Elizabeth Pena.

10.00 Hit Squad: candid camera and practical jokes.

10.30 Late Night Movie.

7.00 Walt Disney Films: "Two-and-a-Half Dads."

8.00 News in English

8.30 Summer '88

8.50 Beauty and the Beast: "Temptation."

9.40 227: "Washington Affair."

10.00 Guinness Book of World Records

10.30 Wiseguys: "Dirty Little Wars." Vinnie survives an attempt on his life...but he has to work with the CIA to foil an coup attempt on a Caribbean Island.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

2.00 Holy Quran

2.10 Cartoons
2.30 Sports Studio
6.00 Foo Fur: cartoons

6.30 The Bay City Rollers Show: songs, music and sketches are featured in this variety show.

7.00 Footy Football Note: Australian Bicentennial Football Tournament will be shown by Kuwait Television. Today's match is between Australia and Brazil. Watch Kuwait TV for announcement of timing.

"Take Your Best Shot." (1982 TVM). Struggling actor juggles a failing marriage and flagging career in this comedy. Starring: Robert Urlich, Meredith Baxter-Birney. Duration: 100 minutes.

12.20 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

2.00 Holy Quran

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

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Al Salamat Pharmacy

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Jahra

Al Zahra Pharmacy

New Market

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

NOTHING in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood—Marie Curie, Polish-born physicist (1867-1934).

Spanish Socialists come under fire

By Francois Raltberger

MADRID. (Reuter): Half-way through his second four-year term as Spanish prime minister, Felipe Gonzalez is facing loud domestic criticism but appears to be one of the best-entrenched political leaders in Western Europe.

Critics variously accuse his ruling Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) of failing for the trapping of power, peddling influence, being yuppies, aloof or arrogant.

The man-on-the-street often peripherally refers to them as "estos" (this lot).

Normal mid-term grumbling—a senior government official said, dismissing as temporary a wave of criticism in the press and on the streets.

Spain's international image is fast improving, although critics say Gonzalez cares more for prestige abroad than for workers at home.

The economy is growing at an annual six per cent, faster than any other in the European Economic Community. But opponents say the recovery has led to three million jobless, the highest unemployment rate in Western Europe.

Inequalities

Social inequalities become more glaring as economic growth sends money flowing through the banking and services sector.

There are many more luxury cars around, but also more beggars than a few years ago.

The new opulence of central Madrid is in striking contrast to run-down northern towns where police battle angry workers left jobless by the streamlining of loss-making heavy industry.

Anti-inflation wage restraint policies have caused a major rift between the PSOE and its trade union arm, the General Union of Workers (UGT), as workers clamour for a larger part of the growing prosperity.

Two cases involving allegations against police are also causing an outcry. Seven policemen are on trial in connection with the disappearance of a petty criminal, and a judge is investigating accusations that a police officer helped set up death squads to stamp out Basque separatist guerrillas.

But despite criticism of the government, opinion polls show Gonzalez, 46 and in power since 1982, is headed for a third four-

Soviet Communist Party conference

Orgy of democracy by Moscow's standards

By Gerald Nadler

MOSCOW. (UPI): By Soviet standards, the 19th Communist Party conference was an orgy of democracy that kept millions of Russians glued to their television screens sets to watch high-level political infighting for the first time in their lives.

"It was like the most gripping crime novel," said Nina Yelitskaya, 38, as she stood Sunday at a crowded billboard displaying newspaper accounts of the conference. "Nothing could compare with it—not even the best crime movie or the toughest soccer match. There has never been anything like this in my lifetime."

Soviets stunned by the public airing of differences among Communist Party leaders lined up at dawn Sunday at newspaper kiosks and stood three-deep at newspaper billboards to soak up every word uttered in anger at the just-completed party conference.

The four-day conference convened by Mikhail Gorbachev to consider major changes in the political system, ended Friday after a majority of its 5,000 delegates approved the Soviet leader's reform programmes of "glasnost," or openness, and "perestroika," or economic restructuring.

Democratic

The conference...certainly measured against previous political discourse in the Soviet Union...was an orgy of democratic free expression.

Among the exchanges that the Soviet public found most electrifying were the vituperative assault by arch conservative Yegor Ligachev on deposed Moscow Party chief Boris Yeltsin, one delegate's demand for President Andrei Gromyko's resignation, and a posthumous

Autocratic government

SIR: Democratic India is autocratically ruled. The prime minister, elected by the people acts in an autocratic manner. He hires and fires chief ministers and even tries to wave his magic wand to topple opposition parties. The chief ministers are members of state legislatures and are directly responsible to the electorate. Isn't it undemocratic to dismiss chief ministers?

The loopholes in the Indian constitution, even though amended several times, allow a ruling party to exercise their power in an autocratic manner.

The present government is run by a bunch of power-hungry, inexperienced, hand-picked henchmen. Indians

should unite, forgetting their differences—class, creed, language and religion. By merging the numerous political parties, one or two strong parties could be formed. India's development is based on national unity. United we stand, divided we fall. The Indians can fulfil the Ram Rajya dream of the late Indian leader, Mahatma Gandhi only if we are united.

R. J. Saldanha Prabhu, Safat

Judge by the achievements

SIR: This refers to Sunita Samanta's letter about school fees in private schools. One must judge a school on its academic achievements rather than its facilities.

As a family, we consider ourselves fortunate that our children attended the New English School (NES) and achieved high academic results leading on to college and university in the UK. NES is an education centre of excellence and fully deserves its "Merit" award incorporated into the school fees.

Teachers' salaries have risen in the UK. If a school in Kuwait wishes to recruit good quality staff it has to pay a good salary. Therefore, I consider the lack of a swimming pool insignificant in comparison with the dedication of the teaching staff of high academic standards.

Education has always been expensive but it is the greatest gift one can give a child.

John C. Davies, Safat

Letters sent back

SIR: Letters sent by our families from our home countries have been sent back though addresses, including code numbers, were written clearly on the envelopes. Also, letters posted in Kuwait are often returned to the sender, without being forwarded to the addressee.

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We hope the postal authorities will look into the complaints.

Nila P. Abug, Jahra.

Six-month rule

SIR: I request the immigration authority to review the six month re-entry ban imposed from the beginning of this year. Though their visas are valid often children and women who have stayed out of Kuwait for over six months are stopped at the airport.

I request the authority to impose the ban only on people working in Kuwait. Housewives and children should be allowed a little more freedom of



M. S. Ahmed, Farwanly.

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Palestinian detainees become local heroes

Prison experience helps perpetuate uprising

By George D. Moffett III

HEBRON, Israeli-occupied West Bank: When Muhammad—not his real name—was arrested and sent four months ago to Israel's Kitoyot prison (better known as Ansar 3), he was just another teenager apprehended for throwing stones at a passing Israeli jeep.

Today, back home in his West Bank refugee camp, Muhammad is something of a local hero. He is more mature, politically sophisticated, and committed to the 7-month Palestinian intifada (uprising) against Israel's 21-year occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel has detained thousands of Palestinians since December to break the back of the uprising. But as even some Israeli officials concede, the prison experience, in many cases, has probably had the unintended reverse effect of perpetuating the intifada by becoming a training school for it.

In the crowded cells of dozens of Israeli prisons and detention

centres, young men like Muhammad are making the contacts, learning the radical politics, and gaining the enhanced local prestige that have made them leaders of the uprising.

"I came out (of prison) with more commitment," says the 18-year-old Muhammad, who, like others interviewed, asked not to be named. "I'm more ready to become politically involved—and more ready to take risks."

Respect

"I've gained more respect (in others' eyes) based on greater exposure and knowledge," he adds. The brief period in custody has made him something of a celebrity among the youngsters and teenagers who congregate around him as he makes his rounds of the camp. Even the elders seem deferential, as if to the first college graduate in a family of grade-school dropouts.

Ansar 3, a compound of barbed-wire fences, guard towers, and tents in the Negev Desert, is one of several detention centres

operated by the Israeli Army to hold unconvicted prisoners. Detainees and human rights groups complain of overcrowding and cruel treatment at the facilities. Six conventional prisons, operated by the Ministry of Police, hold sentenced prisoners.

Scared

One way prison nourishes the uprising is by providing exposure to other Palestinians with a common experience, several former inmates say.

Another former Ansar 3 detainee says that prison broke down a sense of isolation, which came from living in a small Arab village, and made him part of a common cause. Through the long hours of confinement, inmates brought together from around the West Bank and Gaza compare wounds and humiliations suffered under the Israeli occupation.

"It gives substance to what we've heard (about the occupation)," another former inmate says.

One West Bank Palestinian who spent four years in Israeli jails also underscores the role Israel's conventional prisons play in the political indoctrination of Palestinians.

Daily "collective" sessions, usually involving anywhere from five to 25 inmates, are typically devoted to political instruction by inmates who belong to various PLO factions, like Al-Fatah and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Homework

The sessions can last two hours

and involve "homework" from books circulating through the prison's black market. They teach political theory and give a historical perspective to the uprising.

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Another "layer" of education, says the former inmate, consists of weekly discussions by all the prisoners in one cell of political topics, usually current events and tactics to combat Israel's occupation.

In the more transient detention centres, where prison terms are shorter, the regimen is less structured, focussing mostly on factual indoctrination, but with the same general political consciousness-raising effect.

Short of having a guard in each cell, Israeli authorities concede there is little to be done to prevent the jails from becoming centres for political education.

"The prisons have taught thousands of people, and this is helping in the uprising," a former inmate in Hebron says.

"For me, 95 per cent of my conscience, my education, came from this school," says another former inmate, who entered a Ramallah jail at the age of 18.

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Mindful of 1968 disaster

Czechoslovaks wary of reforms

By Alison Smale

streets and squares. Most retreated morosely back to their private lives to pursue a material wealth that was the party's reward for their political silence.

In 1988, that post-invasion reward is running low.

Czechoslovakia's outmoded industry is performing poorly, forcing planners to scale down production targets and to slash coveted wage bonuses.

Shortages are again apparent in shops.

On the political front, while Prague's leaders tinker with reform, the winds of change blowing from Gorbachev's reforms—perestroika (restructuring) and glasnost (openness)—leaving them worse off than they are now.

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In the years after the Prague Spring, Czechs and Slovaks still seemed stunned by the Soviet-led invasion on the night of August 20-21, 1968, that erased Dubcek's movement to bring a new face to Czechoslovak communism—multi-party politics, freedom of the press, speech and religion, freedom of

ecology to cultural and religious freedom.

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After spending 18 years assaulting change, Czechoslovakia's communists have now fallen in step behind Gorbachev, endorsing perestroika and adopting the rhetoric of reforms. But the sense among many in Prague is that there is no guarantee of any meaningful or lasting effect.

This past December, the party even changed its leader, substituting a 65-year-old apparatchik, Milos Jakes (pronounced

ya-kesh), for an increasingly frail Gustav Husak, 75.

Jakes immediately set about trying to revamp the image of the party leader, emulating Gorbachev by taking well-publicised trips to factories and farms to chat with workers.

• Reform

Borrowing many phrases from Gorbachev, Jakes spoke of the need for economic and social reform at a key party meeting in April that brought some new, younger faces into the partyelite.

But Jakes lacks Gorbachev's touch: At February's snow-dampened celebrations of the 40th anniversary of communist power, crowds streamed away from the square when Jakes got up to speak.

Few Czechoslovaks can forget that it was Jakes who oversaw the expulsion of almost 500,000 party members in a post-Dubcek purge.

They also know that Husak, who took over from Dubcek in March 1969, is still on the ruling politburo.

When Jakes talks of reform, however, he pointedly omits mention of glasnost, which has brought startling frankness to the Soviet media. Jakes stresses that Czechoslovakia's 1.7 million communists must dictate the pace and shape of any change.

An unspoken fear is that reform will spin outside the party's control, as the communists say it did in Dubcek's days.

Even economic change is treated with extreme caution, particularly by managers who report that overhasty reforms in the Soviet Union are making it difficult for them to deal with Soviet enterprises.

Planned decentralisation of management is not likely to go as far as it has in the Soviet Union and won't be in full force until 1991.

Killed

"We are living under the shadow of death, but we have no choice," said a neighbour who has a small business on the ground floor.

The monsoon threatens the survival of many old and dilapidated buildings, thought to house some 150,000 people.

Fire officer D.J. Kulkarni said the collapses were concentrated in crowded central Bombay, the old section of the city, where narrow lanes slow down rescue operations.

"It is far more difficult to rescue people who are trapped under tonnes of rubble in pouring rain than to fight a raging fire," Kulkarni said.

The state-owned Bombay

Bombay slum dwellers live in dread of the monsoon's fury

By Dev Varam

BOMBAY, (Reuter): Most of India, is praying for rain, but

Bombay's slum dwellers live in dread of the monsoon's fury.

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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

Parties and functions ... a dizzy round

IT was again a fresh round of parties, functions and "muhurats" over the last few weeks in Bombay's filmdom. Though they have decreased in number compared to the first few months of the current year, still the film-man's penchant for celebration remains unabated. As new people come to the industry, they also want to declare it from the house-tops.

There was this nice party by Weston Electronics people who are stepping into the film world in a small way with audio cassettes. Their first big release will be "Zakhmi Aurat" starring Dimple in a violent, anti-male mood. Still there were more men at the party than females. And the most dapper male of them all was good old gentleman Dev Anand as chief guest.

People were surprised to see



Rama Vij, Dimple and Dev Anand at the Zakhmi Aurat party.

Dev and Dimple together attending a function and facing the photographers. They thought sparks will fly. After all, Dimple had dared to deny doing a role with doyen Dev. (How dare she? asked the loyal fans of Dev Sahab). When Dev offered her the lead in his latest film "Sachche Ka Bolbal" she made some polite excuses and got away. She had also refused a role with Dev's flop son Sunil Anand. But at the party Dev did not show any sign of offence. He has been in show biz too long to show anger over such pettiness.

"These things happen, we have to take it in stride," he told journalists who took him aside for a chat. Also sharing the limelight was TV star Rama Vij, who has an important role in "Zakhmi Aurat".

More and more affluent people are entering films through the backdoor of the video industry, which is growing fast. Some of the new entrants have made their pile in other indus-



Suparna stole the show at the Multi-Channel party.

tries and trades, and there are also some, whose "business" remains unmentionable. But in most cases it is untaxed or black money that is flowing into the entertainment world. One such new company held a grand party at the huge pool side of Sea Rock Hotel. Our friends warned us that we would see faces one can never see in the daylight in Bombay. We were also advised not to stay on too late in the night.

And indeed, the people who started coming, accompanied by tough looking men were strange and unknown. Yet they were photographed, videographed and showered with flower petals. Drinks and eat were there in abundance. But strangely nobody was allowed to take away a bottle of soda or soft drink to his chair. The chief guest Rajendra Kumar came and went, looking a bit lost and confused. He switched the button for the fireworks, in which

the name of the company especially after Aamer Khan has made it in "Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak". We decided to leave the party soon after the buffet dinner started. It proved a wise step. We were later told that around 2 am the expected gang fight took place with chairs and bottles flying. (Perhaps that's why they were keeping all the bottles in one place.)

Companies making and releasing video films also held parties, like the Tristar Video for "Achanak", the story of a free-loving woman. Hibis released their "Scandal" which is about a gossip writer probing a star's life and also "Janjaaz". Many such films are now available in video libraries and parlours. Some people have said that these were like porno films not fit to be taken home. Still there is a big demand for them. One established video company has decided to fulfill its real intentions by entering the big feature film market.

It is the Multi-Channel Group which has become popular with the "Lehren" video magazine on film activities. They have joined hands with the big industrialists Garwares, who are already into manufacturing high quality video cassettes at their plant and also distributing video films. A big party was held at Juhi Centaur Hotel to do the "muhurat" and announce their film written by Mahesh Bhatt, starring Dimple. A mini set was set up inside the huge Harbour Hall. But the long shadow of Raj Kapoor's sad death fell on this celebration.

Villain Ajit's two good-looking sons were also there. We wondered why they had not yet been grabbed by producers. But then, they insist on making their debut only as heroes,



Singer Milan Singh being applauded by Laxmikant at a live show.

were not many to receive them. Before the party, we were shown five picturised songs from the film at Summit recording theatre. The sound was kept so loud that it pierced the ears. They are used to doing it in order to impress distributors. But it was good to see Farha and her charming smile on the big screen, as she sang and danced with Rishi Kapoor. There was one song in the falsetto voice of Ila Arun, playing a Muslim mendicant.

But at the party there was no Farha, no Rishi, not even Juhi Chawla of "Nasir's "Qayamat". Of course Aamer Khan had the field open to hog the show. He was extra polite with us scribes, even serving ice-cream to some.

(Let's see him after he's scored a couple more hits). Ila Arun took her trophy and marched off, as if she was recording four songs a day like Lata and Asha. The party went on after midnight. When hosts were asked about R.K. they said "We know, but you know, the show must go on, as the showman said."

Young starlet Seema Vaz celebrated her birthday with a party at Holiday Inn. Later, she even put up a dance, as she does in the films. Her specialty is disco. Another video magazine Eknath Patrika released its first Hindi issue. The Madras chap Eknath has good rapport among film people. So Hema Malini, Sanjay Khan and Sunil



Seema Vaz (R) on her birthday with Sri Lata.

Dutt turned up for the inauguration done with typical South Indian style. The three stars were wrapped in long silk shawls topped by huge garlands. Hema's speech was short. She is bad at public speaking. Sunil made a gaffe by talking of his past, that it was only when "Yaadein" won a world award that the Indian government woke up and gave him the title of Padma Shri. Then why did he join the same political party?

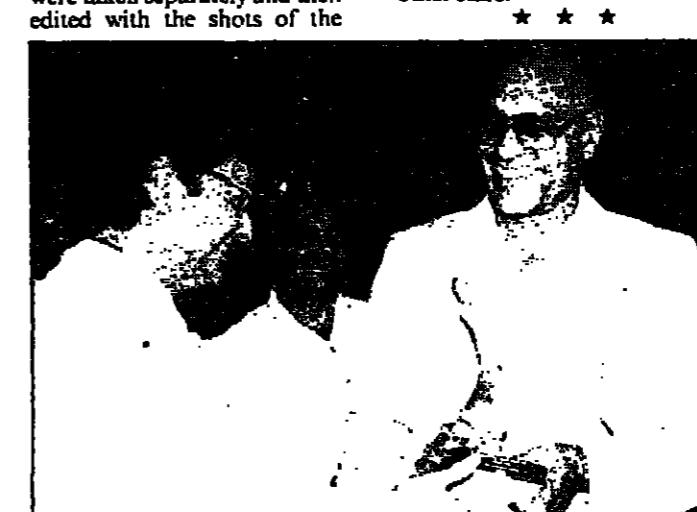
Finally, there is the incredible Milan Singh, who looks like a girl, dresses like a boy and can sing like Mohd. Rafi and Geeta Dutt. The new cassette company TIPS of Taurani brothers brought out four cassettes of the singer, including "Fankar ek, awaz anek" in two parts as well as "non-stop-disco". There were parties for all the cassettes and even live stage shows by Milan Singh, along with disco dances by Seema Vaz and Rizwan Raj.

BEHIND THE SCREEN



News of Mahesh Bhatt's third marriage made waves for Kabzaa.

were taken separately and then other stars.



Amish Puri saved the evening for the Humlog awards.

Great playback singers who have died are attempted to be replaced by voice-alikes. Mohd. Rafi's loss has been filled by Mohd. Aziz and Shabbir Kumar. though Anwar also tried for a while. But for Kishore Kumar there is a bigger problem. There are not one or two but seven contenders to fill his place and they are also promoted by different big names in film music. Their names are Shau Kumar, Vinod Rathod, Sudesh Bhosle, Abhijeet, Kirti Kumar (brother of Govinda), Prakash Kumar and the seven of the last but not the least is Amit Kumar, who is Kishore's own son. It seems Kishore's memory will be blurred by cacophony of seven voices.

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FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALI AN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I've recently taken up tennis, and now my elbow is killing me. I've heard of tennis elbow, but what is it? What should I do?

ANSWER: "Tennis elbow" is somewhat common in the underconditioned "weekend athlete," who is usually older than 35.

Your extensor muscle group cannot readily absorb the force required for hitting a tennis ball, and so the elbow becomes strained.

This can become a serious problem if not treated, and it requires medical attention from the beginning so you can get it under control and build strength in your arm.

The doctor first may prescribe oral non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs to relieve pain and inflammation. You should temporarily stop playing tennis, but it is important to begin exercises to strengthen the elbow as soon as possible. Another effective treatment is the use of ice applications. Cover the elbow with ice for 10-15 minutes, several times a day. This can help reduce inflammation and provide analgesia.

The single most important thing for you to do to manage your elbow overload injury is to begin a progressive resistance exercise programme to strengthen the extensor muscles and increase their ability to absorb

EXERCISES IMPORTANT TO OVERCOME 'TENNIS ELBOW'

shock. In your case, it isn't a doctor who is most important to your welfare, but a good tennis coach.

QUESTION: Are tranquilizers any good for preventing jet lag?

ANSWER: It is true that some of the super-fast-acting tranquilizers such as triazolam are being advertised as being valuable in reducing or preventing jet lag and related biological clock disorders which seem to be a part of global travel. And it is true that this kind of hype is leading many people to experiment with these drugs to enhance sleep during east-west (as opposed to north-south) flights in order to lessen the fatigue and anxiety caused by flying. But this doesn't mean that it works.

So far, no official report has been published regarding the pros and cons of tranquilizer use during air travel. But doctors who have used triazolam for jet lag report suffering from instances of anterograde amnesia, or an inability to remember anything over a number of hours during the morning after taking the drug for sleep. Although they apparently behaved appropriately, their memory definitely was impaired. And that makes this use of tranquilizers a real no-no.

QUESTION: My family has a history of breast cancer. I've recently heard that drinking alcoholic beverages increases a woman's risk of developing breast cancer. Is this true?

I occasionally enjoy a cocktail and have some wine with dinner now and then. Must I stop?

ANSWER: Several recent studies indicate there may well be a link between alcohol consumption and breast cancer. A study by the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey showed that even drinking small amounts of alcohol — the equivalent of three drinks a week — could increase the risk of breast cancer 40 per cent to 50 per cent over that for non-drinkers. Drinking more than that amount increased the risk by 50 per cent to 100 per cent.

A study at Harvard found similar results — that women who had one or more drinks a day increased their chances of breast cancer by 60 per cent. Even if these studies are not the final word, you certainly would be wise to at least cut down on alcohol. It would appear that doing so would indeed lower your risk factors, which is especially important if your family has a history of breast cancer.

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Pleasantries of Mulla Nasrudin

Eating his money

MULLA NASRUDIN, as everyone knows, comes from a country where fruit, and meat and curry is never eaten. One day he was plodding along a dusty Indian road, having newly descended from the high mountains of Kafiristan, when great thirst overtook him. 'Soon,' he said to himself. 'I must come across somewhere that good fruit is to be had.'

No sooner were the words formed in his brain than he rounded a corner and saw sitting in the shade of a tree a benevolent-looking man, with a basket in front of him.

Piled high in the basket were huge, shiny red fruits. 'This is what I need,' said Nasrudin. Taking two tiny coppers from the knot at the end of his turban, he handed them to the fruit-seller.

Without a word the man handed him the whole basket, for this kind of fruit is cheap in India, and people usually buy it in smaller amounts.

Nasrudin sat down in the place vacated by the fruit-seller, and started to munch the fruits. Within a few seconds, his mouth was burning. Tears streamed down his cheeks, fire was in his throat. The Mulla went on eating.

An hour or two passed, and then an Afghan hillman came past. Nasrudin hailed him. 'Brother, these infidel fruits must come from the very mouth of Sheitan!'

'Fool!' said the hillman. 'Hast thou never heard of the chills of Hindustan? Stop eating them at once, or death will surely claim a victim before the sun is down.'

'I cannot move from here,' gasped the Mulla, 'until I have finished the whole basketful.'

'Madman! Those fruits belong in curry! Throw them away at once.'

'I am not eating fruit any more,' croaked Nasrudin, 'I am eating my money.'

At the frontier

NASRUDIN was carrying a basket of eggs across a frontier. The egg producers of the trans-border country, anxious to preserve their rights, had petitioned the King. The King had decreed that no eggs were to be imported.

The customs officers on duty easily spotted Nasrudin, took

him to their post, and started to interrogate him.

'The penalty for lying is death. What have you in that basket?'

'The smallest possible chickens.'

'That comes under livestock. We shall impound them,' said the officer, locking them up in a cupboard, 'while we make inquiries. But have no fear, we shall feed them for you. That would be our responsibility.'

'These are special chickens,' said Nasrudin.

'How?'

'Well, you have heard of animals pining, getting old before their time, when deprived of the attention of their master?'

'Yes.'

'The chickens are so sensitive, and of such a special breed that if they are left alone for a moment, they become young before their time.'

'Quite right,' thought Nasrudin.

'I have not been paid simply because I have never asked,' he said aloud.

'Then you had better go and ask.'

Nasrudin went into the garden, knelt and cried out: 'O Allah, send me a hundred pieces of gold, for all my past services are worth at least that much in back pay.'

His neighbour, a moneymender, thought he would play a joke on Nasrudin. Taking a bag of a hundred gold pieces he threw it down from a window.

Nasrudin stood up with dignity and took the money to his wife. 'I am one of the saints,' he told her. 'Here are my arrears.'

She was very impressed.

Presently, made suspicious by the succession of delivery men carrying food, clothing and furniture into Nasrudin's house, the neighbour went to get his money back.

'You heard me calling for it, and now you are pretending it is yours,' said Nasrudin. 'You shall never have it.'

The neighbour said that he would take Nasrudin to the court of summary jurisdiction.

'I cannot go like this,' said Nasrudin. 'I have no suitable clothes, nor have I a horse. If we appear together the judge will be prejudiced in your favour by my mean appearance.'

The neighbour took off his own cloak and gave it to Nasrudin, then he mounted him on his own horse, and they went before the Cadi.

The plaintiff was heard first. 'What is your defence?' the magistrate asked Nasrudin.

'That my neighbour is insane.'

'What evidence have you, Mulla?'

'What better than from his own mouth? He thinks that

he has first choice of the halwa.'

He suggested that they divide the food, but the others, who were not yet hungry enough, said that it should be postponed until night. They continued on their way; and when night fell Nasrudin asked for the first portion 'because I was the means of getting the food'. The others disagreed: the priest on the grounds that he represented a properly organised hierarchical body, and should therefore have preference; the yogi because, he said, he ate only once in three days and should therefore have more.

Finally they decided to sleep. In the morning, the one who related the best dream should have first choice of the halwa.

In the morning the priest said: 'In my dreams I saw the founder of my religion, who made a sign of benediction, singling me out as especially blessed.'

The others were impressed, but the yogi said: 'I dreamt that

I visited Nirvana, and was utterly absorbed into nothing.'

They turned to the Mulla. 'I dreamt that I saw the Sufi teacher Khidr, who appears only to the most sanctified.'

'But they are mine!' roared the neighbour.

'Case dismissed.'

The gold, the cloak and the horse

'I CANNOT get a job,' said the Mulla, 'because I am already in the service of the All-Highest.'

'In that case,' said his wife, 'ask for your wages, because every employer must pay.'

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Saudi firm plans to build steel foundry on Gulf coast

BAHRAIN, July 6, (Reuter): A Saudi Arabian company said yesterday it planned to build a 117 million riyal (\$30 million) steel foundry on the kingdom's Gulf coast.

The National Industrialisation Co (NIC) said construction in the city of Dammam was scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 1989.

The foundry would use grey iron, ductile iron and some non-ferrous metals to produce 12,000 tonnes of steel products a year, including motor industry castings, water and sewage pipe fittings, valves, pumps and agricultural equipment.

The project will be financed 50 per cent by a government loan from the Saudi Industrial Development Fund, 25 per cent by commercial bank loans and 25 per cent by NIC.

An NIC spokesman in Riyadh said the company would later invite private Saudi investors to take a share in the project.

Many companies have cut staff and reduced salaries

Slowdown in Gulf economic growth affects expatriates

This is the Part III of a study by Gulf International Bank of Bahrain on the problems of mobilising human resources in the Arabian Gulf region

The Gulf International Bank of Bahrain in its monthly report said the slowdown in Gulf countries' economic activities in the last few years has had a noticeable impact on the number, skill composition and salaries of expatriates living in the region. With the completion of major infrastructural projects many companies, especially construction firms, have cut staff and reduced salaries and employees' benefits.

Others started replacing Western expatriates with the normally less expensive employees from the Middle East and Asia.

There are indications of changing immigration trends to the Gulf countries in the last three years. A large number of unskilled and semi-skilled construction workers mainly from Asia have left the region. Other groups that have been vulnerable to the current economic slowdown are expatriates and above all civil service.

These are precisely the kinds of positions to which the Gulf region's youth themselves aspire and where the nationalisation of jobs is most visible.

One of the chief objectives of Saudi Arabia's fourth Five-Year plan for example, is the reduction of the expatriate labour force by 600,000 workers with their positions being filled by nationals.

Trend

The trend of replacing Americans and Europeans by equally qualified but less expensive Arabs and Asians is believed to have continued as well. A lot of Western companies resorted to sending to the Gulf more employees from their subsidiaries abroad, such as India, Pakistan and South East Asia as these tend to accept lower remuneration packages.

The culture and religion of Arab expatriates are similar to those of the Gulf and they consider the region to be less of a hardship area than do expatriates from Europe and the United States.

Even in the lower skilled jobs, workers from certain nationalities who are willing to accept lower salaries are replacing those who refuse to adjust to a lower pay scale. For example, Korean construction workers were replaced by Indians, Pakistanis

Kuwait's money supply dropped by 0.1pc in May

MONEY supply dropped by 0.1 per cent in May against 0.9 per cent in the preceding month largely due to the mixed performance of rates of change in money supply components, according to a Central Bank of Kuwait monthly report released yesterday.

While sight deposits, time deposits, certificates of deposits and deposits denominated in foreign currency fell by 2.3 per cent, 0.6 per cent, 17.4 per cent and 0.1 per cent respectively, both currency in circulation and savings deposits rose by 4.8 per cent and one by per cent respectively, the report said.

Aggregate

The study on monetary developments in Kuwait during May point out that the aggregate balance sheet of local banks declined by 0.3 per cent to KD12,569 million against KD12,607 million in April.

On the side of assets, this fall came as a result of a decrease in banks' balance and deposits with the Central Bank by 63.2 percent (KD142 million) plus a slight drop (0.2 percent) in the value of local credit facilities and an

increase in their local investments (mostly public debt instruments) at a value of KD133 million.

The report added that commercial bank holdings of these instruments increased by KD133 million to reach KD765 million.

On the liabilities side, the decline in local bank balance sheet was concentrated in foreign liabilities (4.9 per cent) and at a lesser degree (2.4 per cent) in government deposits, while private sector deposits realised a relative increase in 0.9 per cent (KD40 million).

The decline in foreign claims on local banks at a rate (54.9 per cent) higher than the decrease in their foreign assets (0.3 per cent) led to an increase of 4.6 per cent in their net foreign assets over the previous month.

Further on the side of liabilities, an increase was noticed in the CBR claims on local banks in the form of discounting commercial papers, which increased in May by 28.1 per cent (KD71 million) over the previous month.

As to the Kuwaiti dinar exchange rate it witnessed a

relative decline against the dollar due to its decrease by 0.16 per cent (against an increase of 0.5 per cent in the previous month).

The dollar exchange rate ranged between 273.45 fils and 274.63 fils, a monthly average of 274.07 fils, the study said.

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Rose

Against other units the KD rose by 0.92 per cent, 0.76 per cent and 0.71 per cent against the Italian lira, the Deutsche mark and the French franc, respectively.

In May it was noticed that the KD performance against most major currencies was more stable than the dollar performance because the dollar exchange rate increased at rates higher than two percentage points on one-year deposits. These differentials remained in favour of the dollar.

On public debts instruments,

The dollar increased by 1.61 per cent, 0.92 per cent, 0.86 per cent and 0.32 per cent against the Swiss franc, the Deutsche mark, the French franc and the pound sterling respectively.

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Interest rates on all maturities increased and at rates of 7.25 per cent (from 5.82 per cent to 6.24 per cent) on three-month deposits, 6.92 per cent on both one-month deposits (from 5.91 per cent to 6.32 percent) and one-year deposits (from 5.71 to 6.11 per cent).

The report added that the differentials between interest rates on KD and dollar deposits decreased tangibly in May 1988, as these differentials reached 0.9 percentage point on one-month deposits and 1.14 percentage points on three-month deposits, whereas they remained about two percentage points on one-year deposits. These differentials remained in favour of the dollar.

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the balance of public debts issued totalled KD1134.5 million against KD1034.5 in the previous month, as the Central Bank offered three issues of Treasury bills totalling KD300 million.

Meanwhile, the fifth issue of Treasury bills (KD200 million) has matured.

Meanwhile, the Central Bank announced yesterday that it had received 23 applications for subscription to Treasury bonds by the end of the close of subscription to the 17th flotation of public debt instruments.

Applications were submitted by 10 bodies entitled to subscription.

The value of those applications amounted to KD147 million, or an over-subscription rate of 210 per cent over the issue original volume KD70 million.

Interest rates ranged between 6.373 percent and 6.686 percent, but the interest rate accepted by the bank was 6.442 percent annually.

Twelve applications by seven parties were accepted.

The 17th flotation was confined to Treasury bonds.

World Business Summary

S. Korea eases restrictions on overseas investments

SEOUL, July 6, (AP): South Korea will drastically ease its restrictions on investment in overseas real estate to allow individuals to buy houses, land and other real estate, according to a government draft plan released today. Officials at the Finance Ministry said that, under the draft measures, overseas purchases by South Korean nationals will be subject to the Bank of Korea's approval and limited to \$1 million per person. The Ministry officials said the measures are expected to go into effect later this month following revisions to foreign exchange control regulations.

They said business corporations will be exempt from any government control in purchasing real estate overseas valued at up to \$1 million, but will need approval from the Central Bank when a transaction exceeds \$1 million. They said, however, both individual and corporate investors will be banned from buying luxurious villas in world resort areas. They said the new measures are intended to spur investment abroad and trim the country's large current account surplus in a bid to avoid friction with the United States and other countries which run trade deficits with South Korea. The country's current account surplus reached \$9.8 billion in 1987 and is projected to hit the \$10-billion mark this year unless steps are taken to hold it down. Under the new measures, the scope of corporate purchases, now limited to business-related property such as offices, warehouses, parking lots and exhibit halls, will be expanded to include houses, welfare facilities, forest land and other types of real estate, the officials said.

African oil producers to meet in Benin this month

LAGOS, July 6, (OPECNA): The African Petroleum Producers' Association (APPA) is to meet in Cotonou, Benin Republic, on July 18. According to a spokesman of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), oil ministers of the eight member states belonging to APPA will receive reports of seminars on the promotion of communication among the African producers. The spokesman said that the sharing of oil industry information was "important" to the group. APPA links OPEC members Algeria, Gabon, Libya and Nigeria with Angola, Benin, Cameroon and Congo. The association was founded in Nigeria in January 1987. President Ibrahim Babangida said on the occasion that Africa was "grossly under-explored", but the continent's fortunes could not be left entirely in the hands of multinationals.

The inaugural conference, chaired by OPEC president Al Hajj Rifiwan Lukman, expressed confidence in OPEC actions to stabilise the oil market. APPA's first ministerial meeting in Algiers in July last year also pledged to work with OPEC and adopted an 18-month plan of action to exchange information and data, and study exploration, production, refining, marketing, training and technical assistance through seminars, workshops and research. At its last meeting in Luanda, Angola, in January this year, the APPA Council of Ministers discussed the international oil market and the organisation's budget. The meeting in Cotonou will be expected to decide on APPA's headquarters for which both Gabon and Congo are being considered.

Costa Rica refinery reports possible oil reserves

SAN JOSE, July 6, (Reuters): Costa Rica could have up to 500 million barrels of oil in the land along its Pacific coast, the national refinery said yesterday. The Costa Rican Oil Refinery, known as Recope, said it had consulted geologists from Western Atlas Internationale who found that characteristics of the Costa Rican subsoil were "adequate for the production and reserves of hydrocarbons." Recope said a statement Texaco Inc. would send a team to open negotiations with the Costa Rican government about possibly investing in exploration. No further details were available. The state-owned refinery quoted the senior Western Atlas geologist in Costa Rica, Cleens Penfield, as saying "the information has been well-received and awakened great interest" in major oil companies. Traces of oil have been found in Costa Rica, but never in quantities that would encourage commercial exploitation.

Jamaica sees 'large unexplored possibilities' in South-South ties

LAGOS, July 6, (OPECNA): Former Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley said here yesterday that there were "large unexplored possibilities" for South-South co-operation. Delivering the first guardian annual lecture on "the debt trap, structural adjustment and the future of the Third World," Manley said such possibilities existed in trade, common services and joint production.

They were awaiting "the attention of planners and the energy of entrepreneurs of the South," he added. The former prime minister said opportunities were to be sought within the broad areas of collective self-reliance and regional co-operation. Developing countries had to begin to create their own transitional corporate enterprises in response to the "inexorable forces" of technological change. Manley urged, "Regional bodies in Africa, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific should become beehives of activity, seeking every point at which goods may be exchanged and productive systems linked and rationalised," he said. He proposed that regional stock exchanges should be brought into being to ensure that private capital and entrepreneurship played their full part. But he stressed that the need should not be seen in a "confrontational context," arguing that the search should be rather for new opportunities in creating growth through incremental activity. The former prime minister said the debt problem of the Third World was currently engaging the attention of the South-South Commission "established with the blessing of the Non-Aligned movement" and working under the chairmanship of Dr Julius Nyerere, former Tanzanian president. He said developing countries had to develop a greater capacity for economic analysis, become "numerate as well as literate" and relate development strategies to indigenous culture in order to obtain meaningful economic development.

IEA reports increase in world oil supply in second quarter of 1988

PARIS, July 6, (KUNA): World oil supply in the second quarter of 1988 was at 49.3 million barrels per day, a rise of 2.3 million from the same period last year, IEA reported today. A report by the International Energy Agency (IEA) said the increase of world oil output was mainly due to overproduction by OPEC states in the month of June reaching 18.4 million b/d. But the IEA oil market report said although OPEC production is the primary reason for the year-on-year gain, both Western nations of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and developing countries' production in the second year of this year was higher than the figures of the same period a year ago. It said that crude production from OPEC countries in June is tentatively estimated at 18.4 million barrels per day which represents a decrease of 0.3 million bpd from May due to small reductions in output from Iran and the UAE. The estimates of the second quarter in 1988 OPEC crude production of 18.5 million bpd represents an increase of 1.0 million over the previous quarter and 1.6 million over the same period last year. It said that while several OPEC countries have experienced changes in production level over recent years, the largest increase in both volumetric and percentage terms has been Iraq. Due to additional pipeline capacity, the report said Iraqi production has risen more than one-third from 1.9 million bpd in the second quarter of 1987 to 2.6 million in the same period this year. Conversely, Iranian production has declined from 2.4 million to 2.2 million which has marginally reduced its share of OPEC crude production to 12 per cent behind Iraq's 14 per cent.

Disappointing trade figures highlight Soviet economy's persistent problems

MOSCOW, July 6, (Reuter): A set of disappointing trade figures has highlighted the Soviet Union's persistent problems with its exports as it tries to tone up an ailing economy.

Both Soviet and Western analysts say an improvement in trade is essential to the success of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's drive to reform inefficient and uncompetitive industries.

Deficit

But in the first three months of 1988, the Soviet Union ran a trade deficit with the West of \$1.04 billion roubles (\$1.62 billion). That compared with a surplus of \$62.4 million roubles (\$877 million) in the same quarter of 1987.

Western analysts in Moscow said the slump was probably due to lower oil prices. Sales of oil, oil products and gas account for the bulk of Soviet exports to the West.

"They've had extreme difficulty fine-tuning exports and imports," one said.

By the year 2000, exports are targeted to increase in volume by 2.2 to 2.4 times and Soviet

economists have stressed recently that altering the mix of exports should be a priority — precisely to avoid depending on the unstable oil market.

Designed

A joint venture law, which allows foreign firms to set up businesses with Soviet enterprises, is designed in part to introduce Western business expertise and technology.

Almost 60 firms have signed joint venture deals since the law was introduced at the start of 1987, including major US corporations such as Occidental Petroleum and Combustion Engineering which have clinched multi-million dollar deals.

But analysts in Moscow said relatively few of these new businesses had started production and it was too early for them to have had any effect on the economy.

Meanwhile, one trade analyst said an interesting aspect of the weekend figures, a sharp rise in trade with the United States, was largely due to American grain sales.

The expert said the increase in non-agricultural trade had been slight.

China announces new regulations to lure Taiwanese investors

BEIJING, July 6, (AP): China announced new regulations today designed to lure Taiwanese investors to the mainland to "tap the potential here and make money."

The word comes a day before Taiwan's governing Nationalist Party holds a crucial Congress at which it will discuss relaxing its ban on trade with the mainland.

The 22 regulations consolidate rules on tax breaks and other incentives already offered by the Nationalists last year began allowing Taiwan residents to visit close relatives there. This spring, Taiwan began to permit mail exchanges via the International Red Cross.

We welcome Taiwan business people to come and tap the potential here and make money, and we would like to learn from their expertise," Yuan Mu, spokesman for the State Council, China's cabinet, told a news conference in the Great Hall of the People.

"It is profitable for (Taiwan residents) to come and invest here," he said. "The cost of production in Taiwan is rising. Some Taiwanese capital needs to

find outlets to other parts of the world."

Taiwan has been estranged from the mainland since 1949, when the Nationalists under Chiang Kai-Shek lost a civil war to the Communists. Chiang and thousands of followers fled to Taiwan, about 160 kilometres (100 miles) off the southeast coast, and set up a rival government.

The regulations generally treat Taiwanese the same as any foreign investor, though Shen Juersen, vice-minister of the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, told the news conference that terms are slightly more favourable.

They guaranteed the right to remit profits in convertible currency, promise that no assets will be nationalised and exempt Taiwan-funded enterprises from import and export taxes when they manufacture goods for export.

Taiwanese may develop land in coastal areas of the mainland, set up wholly owned companies, enter into joint ventures with mainland companies, buy stock or shares in mainland companies and engage in compensation trade, the regulations say.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

London

(14072 STOCKS)

INCHCAPE 228/0
JAGUAR 291/0
LADBROKE 423/0
LAND SEC'S 561/0
LAPORE 427/0

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NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LFE	321.0	LEGAL-GEN	330.0
ADT LTD	139/4	LONRHO	257/0
ALD LYONS	426.0	LUCAS IND	550.0
AMSTRAD	09.29	MAGNET	235/0
ARGYLL GP	186.0	MARKS-SP	171/0
ASDA GP	62.01	MAYNELL C	232/0
BAA	273/0	METAL BOX	230/0
BTR	86.00	MHEP	533/0
BAT INDS	427.0	MIDLAND BK	448.0
BARCLAYS	415/0	NEXT	245/0
BASS	788/0	NTH FOODS	307.0
BEAVER	191.0	P & O DFD	575.0
SEECMAS	470/0	PEARL	490/0
BERIFORD	368/0	PEARSON	700/0
BICK PLC	325/0	PILKINGTON	212/0
BLUE ARR	110.0	PLESSEY	163.0
BLUE CIRC	445/0	PRUDENTIAL	170.0
BOC GP	425.0	RACAL	334/0
BOOTS CO	225.0	RANK HVIS	410.0
BPP INDS	277/0	RANK RGR	742.0
BR COMM	257/0	RECKITT+CO	950.0
BR AIRWAY	150/0	REDLAND	412/0
BR AEROS	413.0	REED	413.0
BR GAS PG	182.0	RYL BK SC	365.0
B.P.	62.73	RMC GRP	475.0
B.P.N. NEW	63/0	REUTERS	45.85
BR TELCOM	255/0	RTZ CORP.	445/0
SUNZL	150.0	RPV PLC	127/0
SURMAH OL	540.0	ROLLS ROYCE	137.0
BURTON	222/0	ROTMINN B	425.0
CABLE&WIR	367/0	AQUAS-A.	77/0
CADBURY'S	400.0	ROYAL INS	413/0
COATS WYV	248/0	SAATCHI	385.0
COMM UNI	378.0	SAINTSBURY	228.0
CONS GOLD	675/0	SCOT+NEW	322.0
COOKSONS	275/0	SEARS	118/0
COURTAULD	336/0	SEDGEWICK	238/0
DALGETY	334.0	SHELL	052/0
DEE CP	190/4	SIMPSON	133/0
DIXONS	173.0	SMITH+NEPH	133/0
ENG CHINA	457/0	STORENS	47.75
ENTER OIL	475/0	SUN ALLIA	003.0
FKI BABCI	125.0	TARMAC	257/0
FERRANTI	86.91	TATELYLE	832.0
GEN ACCIO	900/0	TESSO	50.00
GEN ELEC	62.84	THORN EMI	640/0
GLAXO	980.0	TRAI HSE	317/0
HANNOVER A	310/0	TSB	109/0
HANSON	45.00	TUBERKO	175.0
HAKER SID	507/0	WHITEBIRD	300/0
HILLSDOWN	84.14	WILLIS FB	272/0
ICI	091.0	WINPEY GE	240/0
IHI	204.0	WOOLWORTH	275.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1494.3	1485.3	1478.3	1483.2
FT 500 SHR	1050.7	1050.7	1047.1	1052.0
FT ALL SHR	962.35	962.35	958.24	963.01
FT IND SEC	88.08	88.17	87.54	87.92
FT GOLD MN	214.7	213.5	213.1	207.2
FT MINES F	534.79	534.79	521.13	517.46
FT OIL	1810.4	1810.4	1803.1	1854.0
FT MLD DLR	126.96	125.09	126.21	126.05
FT MLD STG	110.30	110.19	110.00	109.51
FT MLD LOC	125.09	115.38	115.76	115.44
				99.08

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS OFF HIGHS AS WALL STREET SOFTENS
 LONDON, JULY 6, REUTER - EQUITY PRICES EASED FROM THE DAY'S HIGHS IN LATE TRADING, REFLECTING A SOFTENED TREND ON WALL STREET AFTER THE NEW YORK MARKET OPENED ON A MIXED NOTE.

DEALERS SAID COMPANY NEWS ON THE BID FRONT HELPED REINFORCE TRADING INTEREST IN EARLY BUSINESS WHILE RECEDED FEARS OF A FURTHER IMMINENT RISE IN U.K. BASE RATES LENT FURTHER SUPPORT.

THE REACTION TO WALL STREET'S DECLINE UNDERLINED THE MARKET'S CAUTIOUS TONE.

AT 1450 GMT, THE FTSE 100 INDEX WAS 9.3 UP AT 1,864.1 HAVING TOUCHED A HIGH ON THE DAY OF 1,866.1. TURNOVER AT 1400 GMT STOOD AT A MODEST 370.8 MILLS SHARES.

MONEY MARKET RATES SHOWED LITTLE MOVEMENT AS STERLING SHOWED A FIRMER TREND, BENEFITTING FROM MONDAY'S 1/2 POINT RISE IN U.K. BASE RATES TO 10 PCT.

DEALERS SAID RATES APPEARED SET TO HOLD AT AROUND PRESENT LEVELS FOR THE REMAINDER OF A WEEK DEVOID OF U.K. ECONOMIC STATISTICS. INTEREST RATES COULD COME UNDER REVIEWED UPWARD PRESSURE NEXT WEEK IF THE JUNE PRODUCER PRICE DATA AND MAY AVERAGE EARNINGS FIGURES SHOW A LARGER THAN EXPECTED RISE.

THE KEY THREE-MONTH INTERBANK STERLING RATE WAS UNCHANGED AT 10-1/8 TO 10 PCT, WITH STERLING POSTING A THREE BASIS POINT GAIN AT 75.5 IN TRADE WEIGHTED TERMS AT 1500 GMT.

London Gold

LONDON, JULY 6, REUTER - GOLD BULLION WAS CONFINED TO A NARROW TRADING RANGE IN THIN CONDITIONS IN EARLY AFTERNOON AFTER NEW YORK FUTURES DRIFTED LOWER AT THE OPENING.

IT WAS FIXED AT 456.80 DLRS AN OUNCE, 1.30 DOWN FROM ITS MORNING SETTING, AGAINST OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSING LEVELS OF 458.40/458.90 DLRS AND 457.50/458.00 DLRS, RESPECTIVELY.

DEALERS SAID THE DOLLAR'S FIRMER TONE RESTRAINED INTEREST BUT HIGHER OIL PRICES AND PERSISTENT DROUGHT IN THE U.S. FARMLAND WERE FUELING INFLATIONARY CONCERN.

PLATINUM WAS FIXED AT 554.85 DLRS IN QUIET CONDITIONS.

London Money Market

LONDON, JULY 6, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES WERE MOSTLY UNMOVED TOWARD THE CLOSE AS A COMBINATION OF A STRONGER POUND AND A GATHERING CAUTION AHEAD OF NEXT WEEK'S BATCH OF BRITISH ECONOMIC FIGURES LEFT THE MARKET BECALMED.

DEALERS SAID MONDAY'S 1/2 POINT RISE IN BASE RATES TO 10 PCT MADE STERLING MORE ATTRACTIVE. MANY, HOWEVER, DOUBT THAT FUNDAMENTALS WILL ALLOW FOR A SUSTAINED RALLY.

THEY ADDED THAT THE MARKET'S INFLATION FEARS HAVE EASED SOMEWHAT NOW. MORTGAGE RATES ARE RISING BUT THE PROSPECT OF EVEN HIGHER INTEREST RATES IN THE MEDIUM TERM STILL OVERSHADOWS IT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR
1.7135/45	1,8220/25	6,1345/75	OPG
1.7130/40	3,115/129	3,1220/55	10,5087/520
DKW 1.8190/8270	-----	29.62/78	FIX
FFR 6,1285/1405	10,505/523	336,45/7.09	-----
SFR 1,5160/5150	2,5941/5974	83,02/12	24,66/69
NFL 2,0530	3,5175	122,695	33,465
ECU 1,14055	6,65357	2,07763	6,99502
SDR 38,065/2425	0,769623	2,58527	8,02598
YEN 133.50	228,8229/03	-----	NOON
SDR RATES	05/07/88	OTHERS	06/07/1988

London

(14072 STOCKS)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
BNNETT +F	35/0	35/0
BOASE MAS	255/0	244/0
BODDINGTON	172/0	173/0
BOOKER	400/0	400/0
BORTHWICK	70/0	70/0
BOUTATER	403/0	405/0
BOYWOOD	96/0	96/0
BOYTHORPE	163/0	164/0
BR ASSETS	67/0	68/0
BR DREDGI	153/0	152/0
BR LAND	340/0	339/0
BR VITA	241/0	241/0
BRUMMER	243/0	243/0
BRENT CRE	159/0	158/0
BTY GROUP	222/0	222/0
BRITANNIC	380/0	379/0
BRITANNIA	42/0	43/0
BRITANNIA	210/0	210/0
BRITANNIA	188/0	188/0
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BRITANNIA	126/0	126/0
BRITANNIA	124/0	124/0
BRITANNIA	122/0	122/0

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 7-8, 1988

International Bond Highlights

LONDON: Denmark is issuing a 600 mln dr Eurobond due Jan 28, 1991, paying 8-3/4 pct and priced at 101.175 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said. (RTYD 1030)

Rome—The Italian treasury said the launching of a one billion dr Eurobond today accords with its strategy of diversifying debt financing and is a response to demand by foreign investors for such issues. (RTYH 1051)

Milan—The European Investment Bank is launching an eight-year 150 billion Eurobond paying 10-3/4 pct, lead manager Banca Commerciale Italiana said. (RTXO 0916)

London—American General Corp is issuing a 100 mln dr Eurobond paying 8-7/8 pct and a 125 mln Canadian dr Eurobond paying 10 pct, lead managers Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd and Goldman Sachs International Corp said. Both issues are priced at 101-1/4 pct and is due Aug 5, 1991. (RTXA 0804, RTZH 1324)

London—Montreal Trust Company is issuing a 100 mln dr Eurobond due Aug 5, 1991 paying nine pct at 101-1/4 pct, lead manager Goldman Sachs International Corp said. (RTYG 1045)

Zurich—Baer Holding AG, whose main asset is bank Julius Baer and Co AG said it is issuing a 140 mln Swiss franc convertible bond due 1993 with a two pct coupon. (RTZJ 1401)

Interest Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	9-5/8 3/8	9-7/8 3/4	10-9-15/16
FFT	4-20/50	4-30/35	4-50/55
ZUR	7-3/16 5/16	7-1/8 1/4	7-5/16 7/16
BXR	3-7/8 1-7/8	3-1/4 3-1/2	3-7/8 3-5/8
BRX	3-7/8	6-3/8 1/2	6-7/16 9/16
ROM	10-10/12	10-3/4 11-1/4	10-7/8 11-3/8
ANG	4-0/4 4-1/4	4-1/8 4-1/4	4-7/16 4-9/16
ECU	3.5000 5625	3.9575 4.0000	4.0225 1250
ECU	6.25 6.50	6.37 6.50	6.75 6.87

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6	6-7/16
3 months	6-3/16	6-5/8
6 months	6-5/16	6-11/16
1 year	6-5/16	6-11/16

BOMBAY

PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	63.50	61	60.50	NICO	560	560	555
ACC	223	215	GRASIT	43.50	42.50	42.50	MUKAND	85	85.50	84
ASTA PAINT	151.25	150	155 GSF	122	120.50	119	OKRAY	33.50	29.50	30
BAJAJ AUTO	235	235	228.75	65	65	65.50	PEICO	31	29	29
BAR-RAYON	245	244.50	246	240	240	240	RINDALCO	84	84	84
BON-DYING	145.50	144	139	119	119	119	HINDCOODA	77.50	78	78
BR. BOND	85	84	85.50	85	85	85	HINDMOTOR	24	23.75	22.75
BSE INDEX	577.53	570.89	IND ORG	19.75	19	19.50	RELIANCE	191.50	190.50	184
COLGATE	203.75	203.75	200	INDROL	172.50	168.75	160	SPIC	46	46
DEEPAKERT	33.50	33.50	33	ITC	42	39	40	STOMILLS	--	210
EI. HOTEL	49	48	49	JESYNT	65	63	62.50	TATA PMS	230	227.50
ESKAYEF	150	148.75	143.75	L AND T	94	93	93.50	TATACHEM	69	67.50
ESSAR	19	18.50	18.50	NABINDRA	58	57	57	TELCO	630	625
GAR. POLY	78	77	77.50	NASTERSHR	11.25	11	11.12	TISCO	805	801.25
GE. SHIP	27.75	27.62	27	NATHER PL	53	53	53	VOLTAS	292.50	290

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	OPEN	SELL	BUY	GLINDIA	1200	1190	MITSUB CP	1200	1190
ABC	200.4	200.4			AJJINOMOTO	3160	3210	MITSUB EST	2580	2610
ALLIANZ VR	1539.0	1495.0			AKAI ELEC	695	700	MITSU HVY	950	934
BADENMARK	184.0	184.0			AOKI	1000	1010	MITSU CO	944	915
BAASF	259.0	254.2			ASHI GAS	2020	1990	MITSUKOSHI	1690	1670
BAFER	293.5	286.3			ASHI OPT	755	756	MITSUMI EL	1200	1160
BAYER HYP	360.0	353.0			BANK TOKYO	1570	1560	MICHICON	1340	1360
BAYER VER	354.5	352.0			BRIDGESTON	1300	1290	NIKOM CMIT	870	864
BBC	313.0	312.2			CANON	1300	1260	NIKKO SEC	1930	1950
BHF	419.0	410.0			CASIO COMP	1260	1250	NIP ELEC	2160	2100
BHF	535.0	519.0			CHIRAG MNG	0	1330	NIP KOKAW	620	615
COMMERZBK	243.0	257.2			CITIZEN W	870	877	NIP OIL	1100	1100
CONTI GLMM	263.5	252.0			D-ICHI KAN	3150	3140	NIP STEEL	670	625
DAIMER BEN	703.0	651.0			DAI NIP IK.	810	808	NIP YUSEN	780	780
DEUTSC BNK	484.0	459.0			DAI NIP PT	2460	2440	NIS MOTOR	1140	1030
DLW	387.0	389.0			DAI NIP SC	1110	1080	NOVURA SEC	3610	3600
DRESDNER B	274.0	269.5			DAI NIP TO	668	666	ONBA CO	975	998
DT BARCOCK	180.5	179.5			OASIEL AS ENIJES	886	882	OLYMPUS	1150	1090
FAZ INDEX	595.17	588.61			DATA IN	1850	1870	PENTA OCN	860	876
FELDMEILE	282.51	285.0			DATA SEC	2520	2520	PIONEER	3160	3000
GOLDSCHMID	310.0	294.0			FUJITSU	1680	1580	RENOV	938	950
HARPER	428.0	434.0			FUJI BANK	3160	3160	SANTOY ELEC	769	735
HOECHST AG	274.0	267.2			FUJI PHOTO	3710	3750	SEIYU ST	2250	2100
HOESCH	140.5	137.5			FUJISAWA	1740	1730	SEKISUI PB	1660	1690
HORTEN	188.0	188.5			FUJITA CP	755	750	SHARP	1300	1230
RUSSEL HLD	439.5	428.0			HITACHI	1600	1500	SHISEIDO	1750	1750
KALI SALZ	172.0	170.2			HONDA MOT	1750	1730	SONY	5310	5200
KARSTADT	459.0	427.0			ISETAN	2230	1930	SUNITOMO	1130	1080
KAUFHOF	377.2	368.5			ITO YOKADO	4250	4280	TAISEI	911	916
KLOCK H	126.0	130.0			JAP SYN RU	1288	1270	TAISHI MRN	1090	1060
KLOCK W	0	101.00			JAPAN AIR	13500	13800	TAKEADA CH	2560	2600
LINDE	701.0	691.0			JAPAN MET	671	679	TEIJIN	854	845
LUFTHANSA	165.0	161.0			KAJIMA	1440	1480	TKO NEW IX	176.55	164.11
MAN	192.0	191.0			KANSAI EL	3290	3220	TOKIO MRN	1840	1830
MANNESMAN	159.5	159.0			KAO SOAP	1810	1780	TOKYO ELEC	1230	1180
MERCEDES	573.0	539.0			KAWASAKI H	690	691	TOKYO GAS	1070	1040
METALLGES	308.0	307.0			KAWASAKI S	748	739	TOKYO POWR	5700	5730
NIXDORF PF	489.5	476.0			KIRIN BREW	1960	1980	TORAY IND	954	930
NORKSY HYD	58.00	57.70			KOMATSU	615	622	TOYOTA MOT	2580	2500
PHILIP KON	615.0	595.5			KUBATO LTD	762	765	TOTO	2120	2100
PORSCHE	521.0	516.0			KYOCERA	5380	5340	TOYOTA KK	709	707</td

BUSINESS

Dow Jones industrial average edges higher

Dollar eases as Bundesbank again moves to push it lower

LONDON, July 6. (Reuter): The dollar eased again today as West Germany's central bank continued a campaign of forcing the US currency down.

The pause in the dollar's nearly one-month old rally unsettled Wall Street stocks — the Dow Jones industrial average had edged just 5.33 points higher to 2,163.94 by midday after a 27-point gain yesterday.

Firmed

Stock markets elsewhere firmed. A weaker dollar means less risk of inflation in Europe and Asia, even if it risks hurting exporters' sales. In Hong Kong, shares jumped two percent as the Hang Seng index hit a post crash of 87 high.

But many investors are being cautious. They say West Germany seems to be alone in trying to halt a dollar rally triggered by a declining US trade deficit and buoyant American economy.

"With underlying improvement in the US trade position becoming manifest in the monthly reports, we believe investor

sentiment for the dollar is becoming increasingly positive," said Paul Chertkov, director of economic research at London stockbrokers Hoare Govett.

The dollar slipped about 0.25 pfennigs to close at 1.8220 West German marks.

But, said a senior dealer for big German bank, "It seems the roller-coaster ride of the last few weeks is over."

The dollar recently touched 1.83 marks. It closed in New York yesterday just under 1.82 and it traded just above that level in Europe today.

Fetched

It fetched around 133.75 Japanese yen today. Earlier this week it rose above 135.

Dealers said open market intervention led by West Germany's Bundesbank, which has repeatedly sold dollars and did so again today, seemed to have capped the dollar ascent for now.

Much of the hot money flowed from dollars into Britain's pound sterling.

Britain is trying to pinch off a

credit-driven consumer spending binge, which is siphoning in imports and threatening higher inflation, and this week it took its leading interest rates up to a relatively high 10 per cent.

Five British interest rate rises in about a month have boosted the yield on sterling assets — and the pound today rose to around \$1.7130 and 3.1240 marks — up from 1.7040 and 3.1059 yesterday.

Economists say a strong pound puts Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government in a bind. It makes it harder to use the weapon of high interest rates against inflation — since, if these drive the pound yet higher, British exports risk being overpriced in foreign markets.

High-yield

Other high-yield currencies to attract money moving out of the dollar were the Australian and New Zealand dollars.

Stock markets today were mostly higher after Wall Street yesterday surged 27 points, taking the Dow Jones industrial

average to 2,158.61, its best since October's crash.

The weaker dollar was a prime factor in Tokyo where the Nikkei stock index climbed 189.43 points to 27,766.60. Lately, the dollar rally has prompted fears about inflation in Japan.

"It is certainly good that the market is up, but it is hard to say what is going on with exchange rates," said a fund manager at the Bank of Tokyo. "In the short-term, things look good, but in the long-term fears still exist."

Shrugged off

Elsewhere, the Australian All-Ordinaries Index surged 16.7 points to close at 1589.2 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended, like Wall Street, at a post-crash high. It closed at 2,737.51 up 55 points or more than two percent.

London caught the mood, although trading was light, and the FTSE index of 100 blue chips was up 14 around 1,869 at mid-day.

Shares also rose in Frankfurt,

Paris and Zurich. In all those centres, dealers said Wall Street's yesterday advance was a major factor.

Oil prices

Oil prices were a touch firmer. Traders shrugged off nervousness about tensions in the Gulf.

But they took notice of a Kuwait News Agency report that Kuwait, Ecuador and Venezuela were discussing a possible emergency OPEC meeting to tackle the prevailing glut which sent some crude prices to 19-month lows on Monday.

North Sea Brent crude traded for September loading at \$14.62 a barrel, up 40 cents from Monday quotes.

Former oil prices underpinned gold which was set in the London bullion market little changed at \$436.10 an ounce.

Prices for soya products in Europe eased by up to \$18 a tonne, following falls in Chicago farm prices yesterday after the National Weather Service projected above-normal rain in the drought-stricken US Midwest in its six-to-10 day forecast.

World Bank says military spending hurts economies

WASHINGTON, July 6. (Reuter): The World Bank today disputed claims that military spending by Third World countries benefitted their economies and led to improved development.

Officials said the bank, which has increasingly been making loans designed to bring about economic reform by reducing subsidies and other distortions, does point out to countries that there are economic risks associated with targeting large amounts of money for armaments.

Spend

The report estimated that six per cent of the world's total public spending goes for military purposes — more than \$900 billion in 1985 alone.

Industrial countries spend by far the most in absolute and per capita terms, while developing spend more on the military as a share of their overall economy, the report said.

In the report, the bank said

It said that most of the growth in military spending in recent years, both absolutely and as a share of gross national Product, has occurred in the industrial countries.

The world faces the threat of recession and more volatile financial markets unless leading industrial nations improve their economic policies, the World Bank report said.

In a largely pessimistic annual assessment, the bank said the delicately woven global economic tapes could easily unravel and cause widespread suffering.

"Without significant changes in these policies the present economic uncertainty may soon be followed by worldwide recession," the bank said in its world development report.

It said lasting divergences in economic policy among the leading industrial countries threatened the global economy.

Three members seek emergency OPEC meeting

THREE OPEC member states are considering a call for an emergency meeting of the 13-nation organisation if world oil prices continue to weaken, the Kuwait News Agency reported yesterday.

Citing high-level senior industry sources, it said that consultations were under way among officials from Venezuela, Algeria and Ecuador.

The unnamed sources told KUNA that the talks have not yet reached a point where there has been any official contact with other members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries over the proposed emergency meeting.

Positive response

KUNA quoted its sources as saying that some OPEC nations would give a "positive response" to a call for an emergency session.

But they said that "major" member states would not readily accept because of lack of guarantees an emergency meeting would have any positive effect on the organisation's policies or the world oil market.

KUNA did not elaborate. But the reference to nations which might object to an emergency meeting without any prospect of

a consensus on policy apparently pointed to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Both OPEC states have opposed calls for emergency meetings without first establishing clear objectives.

The news agency said that its sources hinted that Venezuela, Algeria and Ecuador might ask OPEC Secretary-General Subroto, the former Indonesian oil minister, to canvas members about support for an emergency meeting.

KUNA's sources said that production quota violations by several OPEC countries have resulted in an output excess of 3.5 million barrels a day over an overall ceiling of 15.06 million barrels by 12 of the organisation's members.

Refuses

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KUNA's report did not indicate whether the 19.1 million barrels cited applied only to the 12 members with quotas or included Iraq.

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output of the OPEC is at its highest since last October despite softer demand for its oil exports, industry sources said.

Gianandjar said over-production was weakening OPEC's markets. "Spot prices have gone down due to over-production and this will badly affect (official) oil prices."

He said Indonesia was sticking to its quota of 1.19 million barrels a day affirmed at last month's OPEC meeting, despite violations by some members.

"At OPEC's last meeting, the emirates said they would obey the output ceiling even though they said the quota was not fair," he said. "If there's a problem, they should discuss it in the coming OPEC meeting and not make a unilateral decision."

Sticks

"Quota violations have happened before but Indonesia sticks to the agreed production ceiling because such violations would not be beneficial to OPEC members themselves," he said.

The Indonesian energy minister said he had contacted new organisation Secretary-General Subroto, of Indonesia, and several other oil ministers within the organisation about how to stop sliding prices.

Regrets

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The UAE is producing 1.3 million barrels of oil per day, much more than its 948,000-barrels output ceiling agreed at an OPEC meeting in Vienna last month, according to a Reuter survey this week.

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Gulf incident probably will not affect oil prices, say traders

NEW YORK, July 6. (AP): Oil traders ignored Iran's outrage over the US destruction of an Iranian jetliner, saying the aftermath of the Gulf incident probably would not affect petroleum shipping or inflate prices.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, a sensitive barometer of world prices, the contract for August delivery of West Texas Intermediate crude oil rose 15 cents to \$15.09 a barrel in light trading on Thursday. The exchange was closed on Monday for the US Independence Day holiday.

Emphasised

Traders ascribed the rise to short-term speculative buying ahead of the American Petroleum Institute's weekly report on US oil stocks, but emphasised that the market remained depressed because of oversupply and the outlook for prices was down.

"Demand is small and supply is great, and as we see it right now, no one's going to listen to what the Iranians say," said Thomas McKiernan, head of McKiernan and Co., an energy

futures trading concern in New York.

Although prices opened about 20 cents higher, the lack of aggressive buying signaled traders that Iran's vow to avenge the American missile attack on an Iranian commercial flight on Sunday was mostly rhetoric that would have marginal impact on the busy oil-shipping lanes in the Gulf.

"No one can stop the flow of traffic. Everyone has their navies over there," said McKiernan. "If the market couldn't open at least 50 cents higher on news like this, it wasn't going to go there."

Concerned

Others said they were more concerned about the waning influence of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the 13-nation organisation that once was able to dictate prices through its ability to constrict supplies.

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trader.

Evidence has grown in recent weeks that an OPEC production-sharing arrangement has unraveled, with key participants violating output restraints and driving prices down into an

KD deposit rates ease

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates eased yesterday as banks unwound dollar positions.

The dinar, which last week fell to nine-month lows against the dollar, gained modestly yesterday.

Some analysts speculated that if the jetliner had been shot down during a business day, prices would have surged, at least initially. But because many traders had time to assess the risks while most world oil markets were closed, the reaction was muted.

Keep coming

Others said previous Iranian vows of retribution against the United States or Iran's wartime enemy Iraq had never resulted in a significant slowdown of Persian Gulf shipping, so the latest warnings were discounted or dismissed.

"The oil market has gotten very ho-hum about the Iran-Iraq hostilities," said Stephen Smith, an oil analyst at Bear Stearns Cos. in New York. "An occasional oil platform is taken out, but oil keeps coming. So the market has seen oil keep flowing no matter what the rhetoric."

"despite government action on domestic financial practice and more effective policy co-ordination" by leading nations.

"Key parameters of the international economy — exchange rates and interest rates — remain unstable," it said. "Their instability helped trigger the market crash and might again lead to financial disruption."

The worry, say independent economists, is that abrupt shifts in interest rates can cause big disruptive flows of money in and out of leading economies.

Interest rates

Also, if interest rates go too high, in efforts to attract investment and prop a nation's currency, the consequent squeeze on spending and business profits brings the danger of recession.

Stock markets were stampeded on "Black Monday" October 19 partly by fears of a competitive round of interest rate rises by the United States and its allies.

It said these fears persisted

particular vulnerability to any slowdown in economic growth in North America that is induced by a rise in interest rates.

Total debts owed by developing countries reached \$1 trillion. Since solutions are slow to come and problems slow to be settled, negotiations between debtor countries and multilateral creditors were "highly strained" in 1987, the survey said.

It said a "highly unusual development" has resulted with some countries accumulating significant arrears totalling \$2 billion that was owed to the International Monetary Fund by late 1987. It did not name the countries.

Renegotiate

Standard procedures to solve debt-servicing problems by which debtor countries renegotiate their payments and arrange for new loans have waned, the survey said. Debtor nations showed "fatigue and frustration" and creditors were disillusioned about recovering the loans, it said.

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Turbulence

The debt situation is universally recognised as unsustainable" and "signs of strains are multiplying," the survey said.

Meanwhile, the United Nations warned governments today that volatile exchange and interest rates which helped trigger the crash of 87 might again lead to major financial disruption.

"Stock prices have partly recovered in the past six months yet the events of October 1987 continue to instil fears of similar turbulence to come ... " said the UN survey.

Dear Junior Readers,

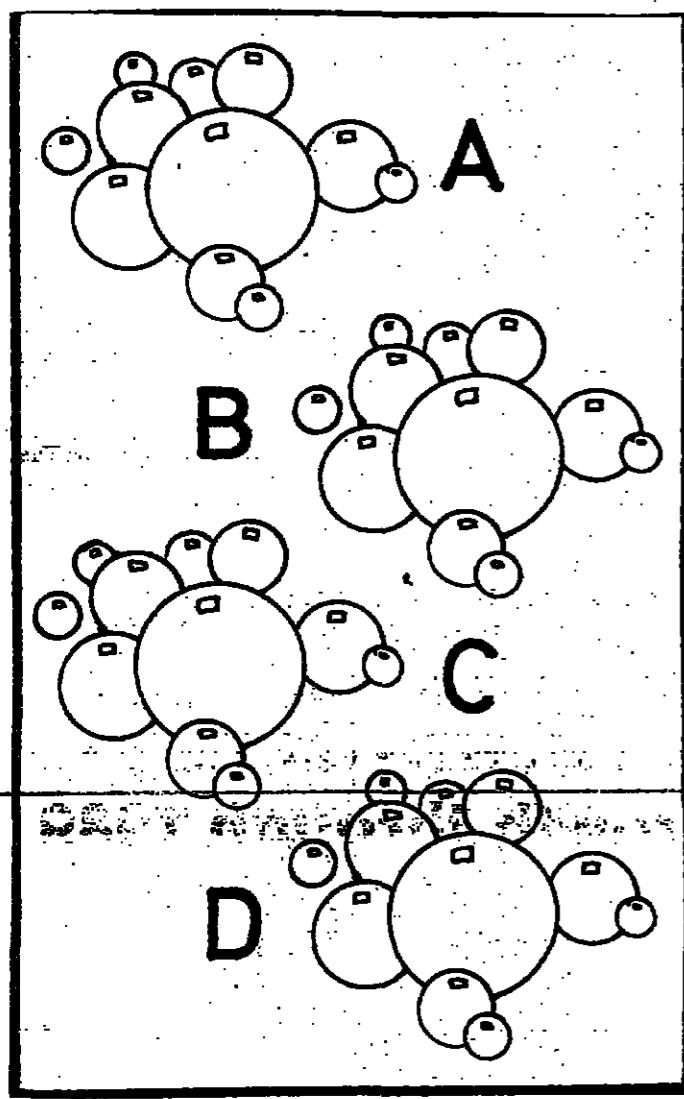
Something very strange is happening in Kuwait at the moment. If you have not noticed, then you have been lucky and escaped the terror of the little white bugs! If you understand what I am talking about, you will also know that these wicked, white, winged things, although very tiny, are as ferocious as crocodiles, have no mercy when they attack and leave you looking and feeling like you have been trapped under the needle of your mother's sewing machine! When the armies first invaded, they tended to lurk in trees waiting to descend upon innocent passers-by but now they have a new trick, which involves leaping up at you from the ground. No-one who goes outside is safe. Do not even think that wearing a winter coat and gumboots is going to protect you from these hungry hordes! My advice is to stay indoors, block the air-conditioning and wait until they go away...no, I am joking, but I hope you are not a 'victim'. So far, I have not even seen one...hold on, what's that...oaragh!

Auntie Jayne

Happy birthday

Simul Aktar will celebrate her tenth birthday on 8th July. Best wishes, Simul, from your family and friends.

Spot the difference



Why fungi are not green like other plants

For their food most plants make use of a special substance by means of which water and mineral salts (absorbed from the soil) and carbon dioxide (absorbed from the air) are changed into the starches which are necessary for growth. This substance, which is what gives plants their green colour, is called chlorophyll and the process of transformation is called photosynthesis because it needs the light of the sun.

There are, however, some plants which do not have any chlorophyll and are therefore able to grow in the dark. Fungi, for example, can be grown even in caves, and truffles actually grow underground. These plants, lacking any chlorophyll, are therefore not green, and need organic substances produced by other plants. That is why fungi live on the trunks and roots of dead trees.

Why the coconut palm is called the king of the vegetable kingdom
The coconut palm grows along the coasts of Africa and in other tropical areas. Some people call it the king of plants because of the wide range of products which can be obtained from it.

Why seaweed is found in so many different colours
There are many kinds of seaweed living in the sea and you can often find pieces of them on the beach where they have been left by the tide.

The commonest are the green ones which are found in the shallowest parts of the sea and which almost reach the surface. The brown and red varieties of seaweed grow at deeper levels.

It has recently been shown that there is a very good reason behind the distribution of the various types of seaweed in the sea bed. The coloured pigments which distinguish them from one another serve, in fact, to enable them to use the light of the sun, which becomes weaker as the water gets deeper.

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(Continued from Tuesday)

As soon as Hercules reached the palace of the tyrant, he challenged him to single combat. Killing him after a swift and sharp struggle, he threw the king's body into the stables to be devoured by his own horses. Then he boldly stepped into the midst of the fierce creatures, fastened them together by strong straps head to head, and drove them to the mountains. There, in course of time, many of them were killed by lions.

The ninth labour of Hercules was to conquer the Amazons, a nation of strong and warlike women, and to bring back as a sign of victory the girdle of gold and gems worn by their queen. These women warriors were feared by the best armies of men for their skill in use of the bow and in throwing the javelin.

Hercules made it known all over Greece that he was going to fight the Amazons, and many brave men, eager for adventure, joined him. The Amazons fought on horseback, as was their custom, and the Greeks on foot. In the battle Hercules was successful, but, of all his labours, it proved one of the hardest and most dangerous.

The hero now set to work upon his tenth labour. This was to kill the three-headed giant known as Geryon, who was guarded by a dog as hideous as himself, and to drive away his numerous flocks, which fed upon human flesh. Before Hercules could begin this work he had to take a tiring journey, along the whole length

of the Mediterranean and the Straits of Gibraltar, to the west coast of Africa. Months passed before he reached the land where Geryon lived. Even then he had to cross great mountains, and to follow the windings of long valleys, before he could find the monster.

But at last he was rewarded by seeing the terrible creature, with his dog by his side, sitting at the entrance to a great cavern. Both Geryon and his companion rushed upon Hercules so suddenly that he had not time to use his bow. A fearful struggle took place, the monster and the dog against the man. But soon the hideous two lay dead at the feet of their conqueror. The tenth labour of Hercules ended when he drove the flocks of Geryon to the mountain slopes, there to be devoured by the lions of Africa.

After the slaying of Geryon and the dog, Hercules returned to Greece by way of the mainland of Europe, a long and toilsome journey. But he had no time to rest after his great labours, for, on the day of his arrival home, a messenger met him from King Eurystheus, with orders to start at once in search of the golden apples from the garden of the Hesperides.

The Hesperides were three beautiful maidens whose work was to guard the tree bearing the golden apples presented by Jupiter to the queen of the gods. The maidens were

assisted in their task by a dragon, over whose huge body sprouted a hundred hideous heads.

It was a dangerous task, and the distance was great, for the apples grew in that far-off Africa from which Hercules had only just returned. But with a brave heart, not giving himself one day's rest, he set forth again to Africa to do his duty.

He had not the faintest idea in which part of Africa to look for the apples, but it was whispered to him by a friendly god that Nereus, one of the lesser gods, whose home was in the sea, could advise him in which direction to go. Now Nereus was very cunning, and, when he saw any one coming to ask him a question, it was his custom to take the form of a fish and swim far away beyond hearing.

But Hercules was lucky enough to catch Nereus when he was having a mid-

day nap upon a rock, and he held him firmly until he had answered every question. Then, with a light heart, our hero travelled towards Africa. Having landed in the north, he was able, through what had been told him by Nereus, to reach the garden of the golden apples. How to get the treasures was now his chief difficulty; if he won the fight with the dragon, there still remained the three fair maidens to oppose him, and the greatest hero of his time could not very well lift a weapon against three girls.

While he was thus wondering what he had better do, he happened to meet a giant named Atlas. This giant was forced to carry the heavens upon his shoulders as a punishment for having once taken part in a battle against the gods.

'Tell me, great Atlas,' said he, 'how I may get into the garden where the golden apples grow.' 'Ah,'

replied Atlas, 'all the guidance in the world would not bring you into that magic garden. But if you will carry my burden for a while, I will gladly go myself and obtain the golden apples for you.'

'That I will gladly do,' cried the hero; and, in a moment, the giant bent his knees and placed the load of the heavens upon the shoulders of Hercules. There he meant it to remain, for he was a cunning giant, and had grown tired of his weary burden. It did not take him long to reach the garden and pluck the golden apples. As soon as he had returned, he placed the sacred treasures in the hands of Hercules. Then, laughing with joy at being free from his heavy burden, he began to walk merrily away.

'Stay but for a little while,' shouted the astonished Hercules; 'if I am to carry your load, place it more comfortably upon

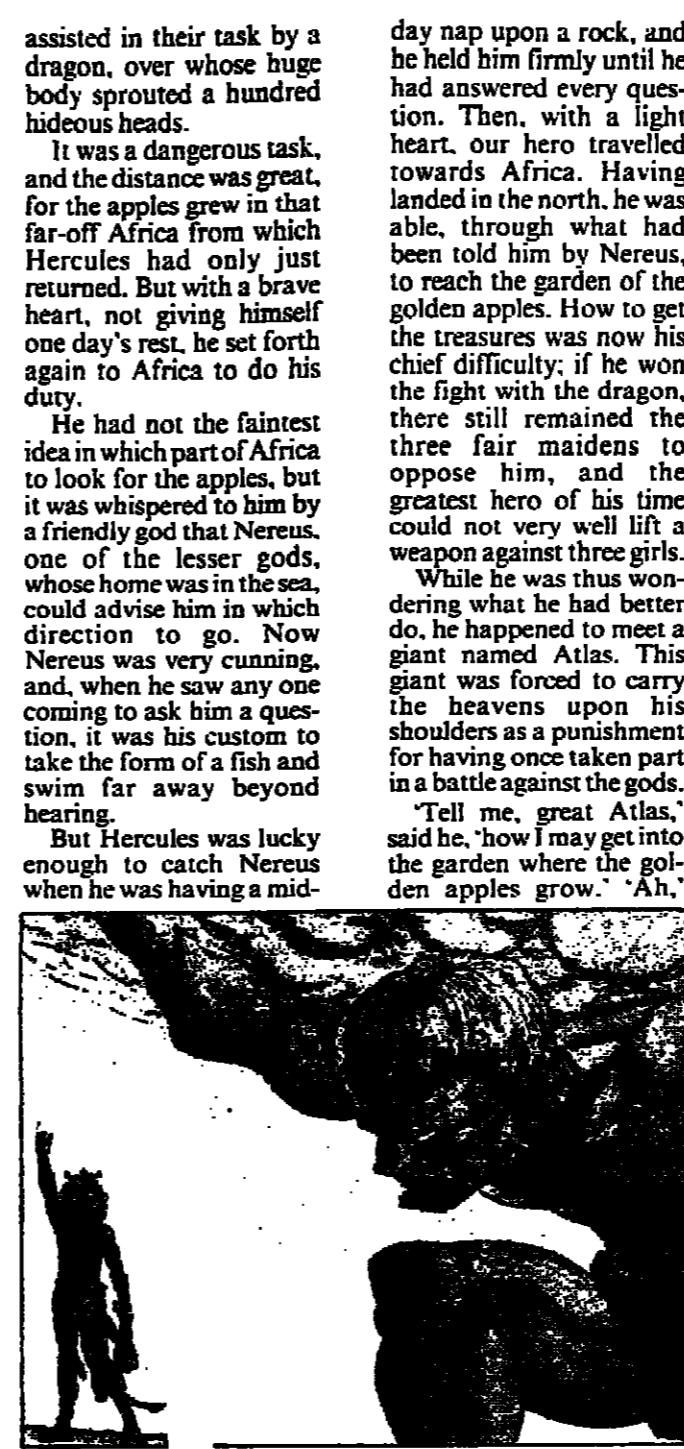
my shoulders. It is only right that you should show me that kindness.'

The giant at once agreed to do what Hercules wished, and with both hands he raised the load so that it might lie more easily. As soon as the hero felt the weight lifted from him, he ran swiftly to a distance. Then he turned round for one last look at the angry and disappointed Atlas, and laughed in triumph, as he heard the cries of the giant, which sounded like the pealing of thunder.

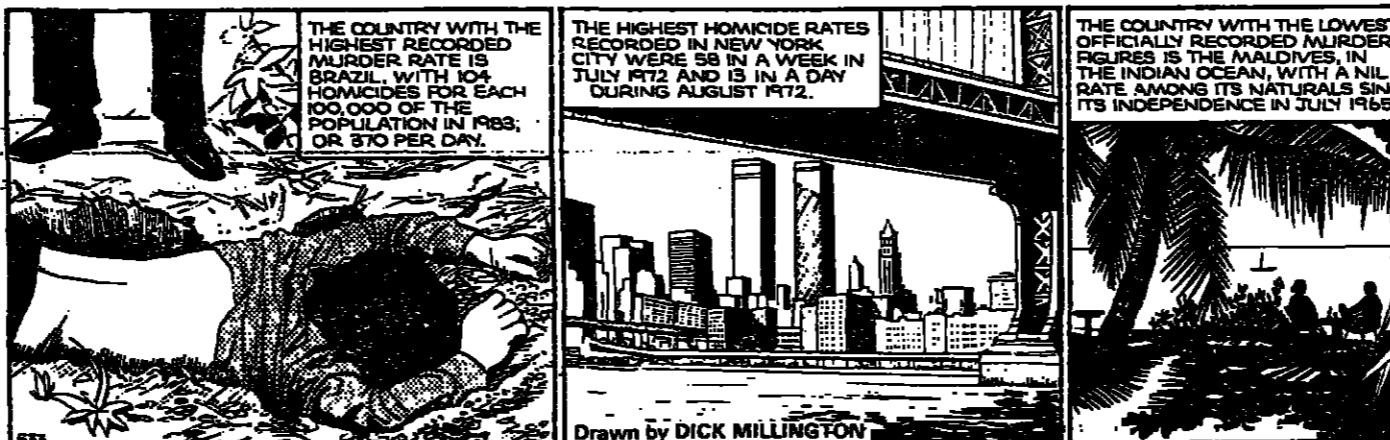
Thus his eleventh labour was performed. The twelfth and last was to descend into the earth's depths and bring up the fearful three-headed dog, Cerberus, which was as big as an elephant. Each hair of the head of this awful creature was a snake, and earthquakes were caused whenever it barked. Hercules was not allowed by the ruler of the lower regions to have any weapons in his fight with the monster; he must use only his own bodily strength. After a struggle which lasted during a whole day, he conquered the dog, and carried it alive to King Eurystheus. Then he was ordered to take the creature back to its den in the rocky depths of the earth.

All this he did with as much success as in his other labours; and when the hero's tasks were done he won glory, both in heaven and on earth. When the end of his life came the gods promised that he should reign with them in glory forever, as a reward for doing his duty so patiently and so bravely.

The twelve labours of Hercules



Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



The why of plants

neath the brown woody shell, which is sometimes used for making buttons, we find the coconut seed, that is the white pulp, rich in sugar, fats and protein which we love to eat.

Why seaweed is found in so many different colours
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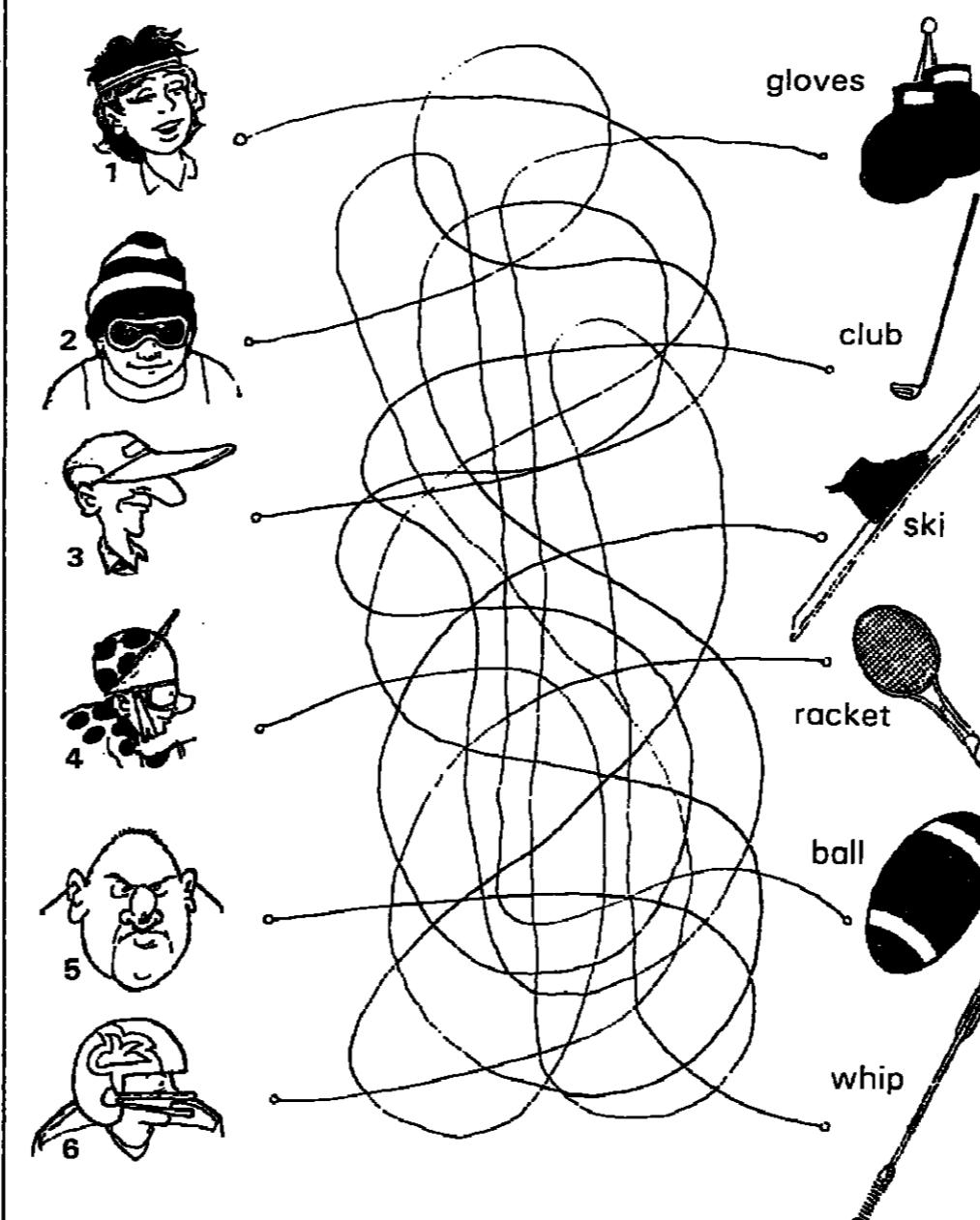
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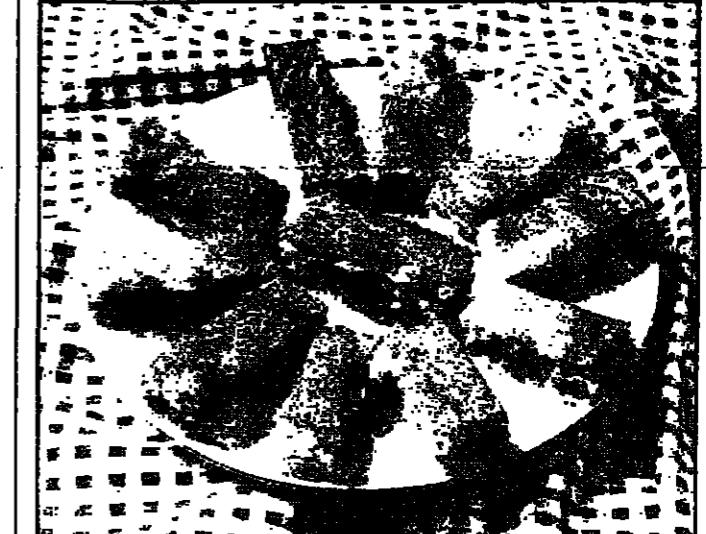
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A-maz-ing!

Follow the lines and name the sports.



Cherry and almond fingers



Ingredients

Base: 75g (3oz) plain flour
25g (1 oz) sugar
50g (2 oz) margarine

Middle: 75g (3 oz) glace cherries
25g (1 oz) sultanas

Top: 50g (2 oz) butter
50g (2 oz) sugar
50g (2 oz) ground almonds
1 egg

Equipment

20 cm (8 in) square cake tin

Mixing bowl

Wooden spoon

Knife

Plate

Greaseproof paper

Serving dish

1. Put oven on at Gas

Mark 5 (electricity 375°F/190°C).

2. Cut greaseproof paper to fit base of tin.

3. Place ingredients for base in mixing bowl, rub fat into flour and sugar with fingertips. Gather dough together and press down well into base of tin.

4. Cut cherries into quarters and sprinkle on top of base with sultanas.

5. Place topping ingredients in mixing bowl and mix together with a wooden spoon until smooth and creamy.

6. Spread on top of ingredients in the tin.

7. Bake for 40 minutes in the centre of the oven until firm to touch in centre.

8. Take out of oven and leave to cool in tin. Cut up into sixteen fingers.

Ha! Ha!

1st Man: 'I'd like to visit China.'

2nd Man: 'Peking?'

1st Man: 'No, I'd take a good look round.'

Judge: 'Is this the first time you have been up before me?'

Old lag: 'Don't know, your Honour. What time did you get up at?'

What is a waste of time?
Telling a hair-raising story to a bald-headed man.

Because they have only one pair of trunks.

What bird cannot fly as high as you can jump?

A canary in a cage.

Why did the skeleton not go to the ball?

Because he had no body to go with.

Solution to Tuesday's crossword.

Across: 3 Scamp, 6 Obey, 7 State, 8 Laid, 10 Diver, 14 Rook, 15 Slope, 16 Bell, 17 Level.

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SPORTS**MCKEAN TRIUMPHS IN FIRST RACE OF SEASON****Aouita forced to work hard for win**

STOCKHOLM, July 6. (Reuter): Morocco's world record holder Said Aouita was forced to work hard for victory in the men's 1,500 metres at the Stockholm Grand Prix last night.

The Moroccan Olympic and world 5,000 metres champion eventually won in three minutes 35.70 seconds with Kenyan Kip Cheruiot second in 3:36.36.

Aouita was surprised on the back straight of the final lap when Cheruiot overtook him with 250 metres to run.

Cheruiot flew around the bend but Aouita, recovering quickly, lengthened his stride and gathered the Kenyan in with 80 metres to run.

Cheruiot gallantly tried to get back in the race but he had nothing left and Aouita strode to victory.

Injury

The time was Aouita's fastest 1,500 of the year and he showed no effects from the foot injury which has interrupted his training.

He plans to run the 1,500 metres at the Seoul Olympics instead of defending his 5,000 metres title.

Aouita said he was pleased with his performance in view of his lack of training.

He said he planned to run in Friday's London Grand Prix and the Grand Prix in Nice two days later "because I need the races."

World silver medallist Heike Drechsler was again in impres-



Aouita stays ahead of Cheruiot to win the 1,500 metres. (Reuter wirephoto)

ive form, winning the 100 metres in 10.96 seconds.

The tall East German made a slow start but quickly overhauled the field and seemed to be still getting into full stride when

she flashed across the finish line. Dutchwoman Nelli Cooman, the world indoor 60 metres champion, was second in 11.24. Britain's Tom McKean outprinted a moderate field to win 2:01.14.

the men's 800 metres in his first race of the season.

McKean determined to atone this season for his disappointing eighth place in last year's World Championships, clocked 1:45.64.

Olympic champion Dietmar Moegenburg of West Germany won the men's high jump with 2.33 metres on a countback from Cuban Javier Sotomayor.

Sweden's world champion Patrik Sjoberg, who set the world record of 2.42 at last year's meeting here, cleared 2.21 easily but failed with all three attempts at 2.33 to finish eighth.

The final event of the meeting, the men's 5,000 metres, was won by Ireland's John Doherty in 13:17.14.

Moroccan Ibrahim Boudaib made a bold victory bid with four laps to run and quickly opened a gap of 15 metres. But he could not shake the following pack and Doherty pounced with just over 200 metres to run.

Boudaib responded by briefly snatching back the lead but he was a spent force and eventually finished a tired fourth.

Kenyan Peter Kochet outwitted compatriot Patrick Sang to win the men's 3,000 metres steeplechase.

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Sang made his move early, taking the lead with 200 metres to run. Briton Mark Rowland moved up to a handy position to challenge but Kochet snatched the race when he burst past Sang in the final straight.

The 30-year-old Kochet clocked eight minutes 15.72 seconds while Sang returned 8:16.07. Rowland was third in 8:16.43.

East Germany's world bronze medalist Cornelia Oschkenat breezed to victory in the women's 100 metres hurdles, the first event of the evening.

Oschkenat clocked 12.69 seconds with second-placed Laurence Elloy of France well behind in 13.01.

Long-striding

Cuban athletes were prominent on a clear, hot evening at Stockholm's Olympic stadium.

The long-striding Roberto Hernandez, fourth in the World Championships, ran away with the men's 400 metres in 45.28.

Nigerian Innocent Egbunike was second in 45.72.

The veteran Luis Delis, third in the 1980 Olympic Games, second in the 1983 World Championships and third in last year's World Championships, won the race with a throw of 65.75.

Then their exciting woman runner Ana-Fidelia Quirot ran away with the 800 metres in 1:59.85, ahead of world indoor champion Christine Wachtel of East Germany who clocked 2:01.14.

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Drechsler sets new standards of all-round ability

STOCKHOLM, July 6. (Reuter): Heike Drechsler, the most talented of East Germany's elite crop of women track and field athletes, looks set to become the most successful at this year's Seoul Olympics.

Handicapped by an injury to her left knee, Drechsler could manage only four or her allotted six long jumps at last year's World Championships and had to settle for second place behind American Jackie Joyner.

She also won silver in the 100 metres behind teammate Silke Moeller and missed the chance of another medal when the injury forced her to withdraw from the sprint relay team.

After her dazzling performances of 1986, when she won the long jump and 200 metres at the European Championships, the Rome World Championships were a disappointment for her.

But although Drechsler clearly wished to retain her world long jump title she has made it abundantly clear since where her priorities lie.

Meant

Drechsler was emphatic when she told reporters at March's European Indoor Championships in Budapest that an Olympic medal meant far more to her than a world title.

East European sportswriters said this was a common attitude among the East Germans who missed the 1984 Olympics because of the Soviet-led boycott.

Drechsler also raised some eyebrows when she said she feared the Soviet long jumpers more than Joyner.

Since then Galina Chistyakova has partially vindicated her judgement by breaking the world record held jointly by Drechsler and Joyner.



Drechsler: In action during a long jump event

first priority followed by one of the sprints. Drechsler said she had already decided which one she would run but refused to comment further, except to add that she would not be a member of the 4x100 metre relay team.

The picture was slightly confused at a news conference here on Monday when Drechsler said she would leave her decision until Seoul.

"After the long jump in Seoul I will decide whether to run in the 100 or 200 metres," she said.

Despite her remarkable success as a sprinter in the last three seasons Drechsler's first commitment is to the long jump.

As an 18-year-old she was the youngest gold medalist at the 1983 Helsinki World Championships and she continues to work remorselessly at her discipline.

Clear

Drechsler's string of recent 100 metres races has helped to improve her approach speed and she has also been practising hard on her takeoff.

"My biggest improvement must come from my takeoff," she said.

Drechsler is unlikely to compete against either Joyner or Chistyakova before the Olympics.

But she made it clear she would like to meet either or both at least once. "I would like to compete against them to know where I stand," she said.

Soviets shine on second day of King's Cup

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 6. (AP): Defending champions the Soviet Union maintained its unbeaten record on the second day of the 14th King's Cup Amateur Boxing Championship at Bangkok's National Gymnasium.

Yesterday, Roudik Kazandjian beat Khomate Vichienrat of Thailand on points in the light flyweight division and his countryman Erik Balyanov beat Thai Pravit Suwanavichit on points in the light welterweight division.

Local newspapers and Thai boxing experts say the Soviet Union is the strongest contender for the team trophy again this year. Moscow sent a tough 12-strong team to participate in the championship.

Results from yesterday's matches:

Pinweight, 45 kilograms (99 pounds)—Pramua Nakanjana, Thailand, beat Fernando Parcon of the Philippines on points.

Light flyweight, 48 kilograms (105 pounds)—Patjal Rakiti, Thailand, beat Japan's Toshikazu Nakanishi on points; Roudik Kazandjian of the Soviet Union beat Khomate Vichienrat, Thailand, on points; Chutchai Sasakul of Thailand beat Cho Dong-Bum, South Korea, on points.

Featherweight, 57 kilograms (125 pounds)—South Korea's Park Yoon-Sup beat Chaleaw Somwongse, Thailand, on points; Orlando Doliente, the Philippines beat Surasak Thammaprecha, Thailand, in a dis-qualified decision in round two.

Light welterweight, 63.5 kilograms (137 pounds)—Anton Todorov Chamov, Bulgaria, knocked out Banyai Onsanit of Thailand in round two. Leslie Fear, Australia, knocked out Sonsak Rakdacha, Thailand, in round two; Ulti Tawongkhak of Thailand beat Denmark's Soren Rommelhoff on points and Erik Balyanov of the Soviet Union beat Pravit Suwanavichit of Thailand on points.

Veteran NL umpire dies at 51

Van Slyke lifts Pirates past Padres

NEW YORK, July 6. (AP): Andy van Slyke, who enjoys making a great defensive play as much as hitting a homer, is even happier when he can have it both ways.

The Pittsburgh centre fielder hit a tie-breaking homer in the seventh inning, then preserved the lead with a perfect throw in the ninth, lifting the Pirates to a 3-2 victory over San Diego last night.

"I enjoy every aspect of the game," Van Slyke said. "I like to do things offensively and defensively. To tell you the truth, I get a better kick out of throwing the guy out at the plate in that situation than hitting a home run."

After Van Slyke's two-out homer off Padres starter Jimmy Jones 5-8, in the seventh, he clinched the game when he threw out John Kruk at home plate in the ninth after a one-out single by Benito Santiago. Kruk, trying to score from second, bowled over catcher Junior Ortiz, who held the ball.

Dodgers 6, Cardinals 3

Montreal blew a two-run lead against Houston in the ninth inning, then won it in the 11th on Luis Rivera's RBI triple. The Astros have lost seven of eight

games, while the Expos won for the fifth time in six outings and improved their extra-inning record to 11-4.

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Team	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	10	Philadelphia	.533
San Francisco	9	Chicago	.519
Los Angeles	6	St. Louis	.493
Montreal	4	Houston	.471
Cincinnati	3	New York	.463
Pittsburgh	3	San Diego	.455

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Team	W	L	Pct.
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Pittsburgh	45	37	.549
Cleveland	44	39	.530
Boston	40	38	.513
Milwaukee	40	42	.488
Toronto	40	44	.476
Baltimore	25	57	.305

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Former captains

LONDON, July 6. (Reuter): Two former England cricket captains have called into question Peter May's chairmanship of the England Test selectors. Ted Dexter and Bob Willis were speaking on a late night television news programme yesterday in the wake of England's latest defeat by the West Indies.

Leconte upset

GSTAAD, Switzerland, July 6. (Reuter): Unseeded Milan Srejber of Czechoslovakia toppled top seeded Frenchman Henri Leconte in the first round of the \$270,000 men's Grand Prix tennis tournament here yesterday. Srejber won 6-2 6-4.

Tour de France

EVREUX, France, July 6. (AP): Portuguese rider Acacio da Silva edged Dutchman Steven Rooks in a photo finish of yesterday's fourth stage of the Tour de France while another Dutchman, Teun van Vliet, kept the overall lead.

Women's tennis

BASTAD, Sweden, July 6. (AP): Top-seed Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden outlasted Ann Devries of Belgium 7-5, 6-2 in a seesaw first-round match of the \$75,000 Virginia Slims of Sweden women's tennis tournament yesterday.

Olympic soccer

ZURICH, July 6. (Reuter): Guatemala have been asked to replace Mexico, who were banned by the International Football Federation (FIFA) last Thursday, in the Olympic soccer tournament in Seoul.

Shot put

MOSCOW, July 6. (Reuter): World champion Natalya Lissokaya was only eight centimetres outside her world shot put record when she won her event at the Soviet Athletics Championships in Tallinn yesterday.

Soviet goalkeeper

HAMBURG, West Germany, July 6. (Reuter): West German First Division Hamburg today gave up hopes of signing Soviet national goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev. "Because the Soviets won't release Dasayev before the end of November, we are no longer interested," Hamburg trainer Erich Ribbeck said. The West German League season begins on July 23.

New mast

SAN DIEGO, July 6. (Reuter): The America's Cup series slated for September is still in doubt but New Zealand's challenger team was moving full speed ahead yesterday to rig up a new mast for their yacht that will carry a larger sail.

Witt honoured

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, July 6. Reuter: Katarina Witt of East Germany, who retained her Olympic figure-skating title in Calgary this year, was awarded the Olympic Order today.

Libya blasts FIFA decision

ROME, July 6. (AP): Libya's soccer association has denounced the selection of the United States to host the 1994 World Cup soccer championship, Libya's Jana news agency said today.

The association called for establishment of an international sports ruling body that "responds to the ambitions of sportsmen of the Third World," said the Jana dispatch, monitored in Rome.

Reagan welcomes choice of US for 1994 World Cup

WASHINGTON, July 6. (Reuter): The White House said yesterday President Reagan was very pleased that the United States had been selected to host the 1994 World Cup soccer finals.

A White House statement said the United States stood ready to support the tournament and to help make it a "great success."

The United States was chosen

by soccer's international governing body on Monday to host the 1994 World Cup finals. The decision marks the first time that the world's biggest single sporting event will be held outside Europe or Latin America, soccer's traditional power centres.

"The President is very pleased by the selection of the United States as the host country for the 1994 World Cup soccer matches," the statement said.

Kent overcome Sussex to extend lead

LONDON, July 6. (Reuter): Kent extended their lead in the county championship table with a four-wicket win at Hastings yesterday but only after some stiff resistance from the Sussex batsmen.

After being dismissed for 71 in their first innings, Sussex put on a much more determined display second time around to reach 322, Paul Parker leading the way with 117.

That left Kent requiring 105 to win in the final session and they lost six wickets in the process. The innings was held together by a resolute 54 from opener Mark Benson, the only batsman to reach double figures.

Results

Victory left Kent on 172 points from 11 matches, 37 ahead of second-placed Worcestershire who have played one match fewer.

Worcestershire lost ground in their championship challenge when they had to be content with a draw against Gloucestershire after each side had forfeited and innings in an attempt to achieve a result.

That left Worcester needing

333, but their hopes of victory were quickly dashed when Kevin Curran and Terry Alderman took four wickets between them and they finished well short of their target on 233 for six.

Four wickets each for pace pair Sylvester Clarke and Nick Peters helped Surrey bat Warwickshire by an innings and 44 runs at the Oval. After being bundled out for 74 in their first innings, Warwickshire scraped together only 116 in their second.

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set — match abandoned. Essex 258 for seven declared in 70.3 overs (D. Pringle 75) with second innings forfeited. Somerset first innings forfeited and 85 for one. Somerset three points. Essex seven.

At Worcester: Worcester v Gloucestershire — match drawn. Gloucestershire 332 for four declared in 102 overs (W. Athey 91 not out, P. Romaines 59) with second innings forfeited. Gloucestershire forfeited first innings and 23 for six in second (M. Weston 65, T. Curtis 41, P. Newport 40 not out). Gloucestershire 22 points. Gloucestershire two.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire v Lancashire — match drawn. Northamptonshire 147 in 62.4 overs and 134 for two (A. Fordham 50 not out, C. Richards 49, T. Muntin five for 50). Lancashire 250 for seven declared in 84.2 overs (G. Fowler 78, D. Hughes 45 not out). Northamptonshire four.

At Hastings: Kent beat Sussex by four wickets. Sussex 71 in 34 overs and 322 (P. Parker 117, M. Speight 50). Kent 288 in 97.3 overs and 106 for six (M. Benson 54). Sussex four points, Kent 23.

At Headington: Yorkshire beat Leicestershire by four wickets. Leicestershire 233 in 107.5 overs (P. Willey 104, P. Carrick five for 46) with second innings forfeited. Yorkshire forfeited first innings and 256 for six in second (J. Love 68, R. Blakey 51, G. Ferris four for 74). Yorkshire 19 points, Leicestershire two.

Standings

English County Championship cricket table yesterday's results (tabulate — played, won, lost, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus points, total points):

	11	7	3	1	26	34	172
Worcestershire	10	5	1	4	24	31	135
Essex	11	4	3	4	29	32	125
Leicestershire	11	4	2	5	26	35	125
Middlesex	12	4	2	6	23	34	121
Gloucestershire	11	4	2	5	29	27	120
Warwickshire	10	4	4	3	16	31	111
Nottingham	11	3	2	4	18	30	101
Northants	10	3	2	5	18	34	100
Surrey	9	3	2	4	18	31	97
Somerset	11	2	3	6	24	31	95
Derbyshire	10	2	1	2	24	24	80
Yorkshire	11	2	5	4	11	35	78
Sussex	11	1	7	3	18	36	76
Hampshire	10	1	3	6	15	34	65
Glamorgan	10	0	4	6	23	40	60

Adonis (left) during a bout in Kuwait three years ago

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AGASSI FIGHTS BACK TO BEAT WEST GERMAN

Wilander routs S.African in opener



BOSTON, July 5. (Reuter): With talk about a Grand Slam silenced by his defeat at Wimbledon, Mats Wilander began a new mission yesterday — defense of his crown at the \$415,000 US Pro Tennis Championships.

"I never thought about winning the Grand Slam, but everybody talks about it and you sort of build up your hopes," said world number three Wilander, whose bid for the slam was dashed by a straight-set defeat to Czechoslovak Miloslav Meir in the Wimbledon quarterfinals.

"I realized once I was in the middle of that match, that it's very nearly impossible to do," the Swede said.

Things were brighter for Wilander on the slower clay surface here as he scored a quick, 6-1, 6-2 victory over South African Andrew Burrow.

Wilander, who won the Australian and French Open championships this year, totally outclassed Burrow, the 1987 US college champion from the University of Miami.

The Swede said the Wimbledon disappointment was not

going to affect him. "I knew he didn't have a weapon that could hurt me and I think he knew it too,"

Rising American star Andre Agassi, who lost to Wilander in the semifinals of the French Open, was given a scare by unheralded West German Alexander Mironz before taking a 6-4, 6-2 victory.

The second Agassi, ranked sixth in the world following title victories at the US Clay Court Championships and the Tournament of Champions, skipped Wimbledon and was making his first Grand Prix appearance since Roland Garros.

The 18-year-old from Las Vegas showed some rust when he dropped the first eight games of the match to the tenacious Mironz, ranked a lowly 236th.

But after trailing 40-15 in the third game of the second set, Agassi took charge.

"He played so exceptionally well he kind of shell-shocked me," said Agassi, who also had a bye into the second round. "I knew as soon as I got that first game it would be a big turn

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Agassi said after the three-hour match. "I was bored. I just wanted to get out of there."

In other second-round matches at the Longwood Cricket Club, 17-year-old Jim Courier defeated ninth-seeded Jaime Yzaga 6-1, 7-5, and Spain's Juan Aquilera downed No. 6 Jay Berger 6-3, 6-1.

In first-round matches, John Ross outlasted No. 14 Pablo Arraya 6-4, 6-7(3-7), 6-1, Bruno Oresar overcame Jorge Bardou, 6-1, 6-3, Ul Stenlund downed Jon Sobel 6-3, 6-1, Horacio de Llana stopped Loic Courteau 6-1, 6-2, and Michael Westphal eliminated Frederik Waern 6-1, 7-5.

In other matches, Philip Johnson outplayed Libor Pimek, 6-4, 6-3, Richey Reneberg dispatched Craig Boynton 6-3, 6-1, and Michael Kurek ousted Roberto Arguello, 2-6, 6-7(4).

Rose, from Florida, stayed on the baseline hitting steady groundstrokes, which the Peruvian said resulted in a numbingly dull game.

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May resists call to quit as chief selector

LONDON, July 6. (Reuter): Argentine coach Carlos Bilardo said he was not happy with the way his experimental combination had performed.

Bilardo said his side could improve by between 30 and 40 percent.

"I'm not completely satisfied with the way they played today," he told reporters through a translator.

"But this tournament is a good chance for new players to settle into the side to try and earn a place for the 1990 World Cup."

Only 9,000 spectators turned up for the match.

Soccer is a minority sport in Australia and trails behind Australian Rules Football, Rugby Union and Rugby League in popularity.

Bilardo is using the tour-



Amritraj steps out of 'twilight zone'